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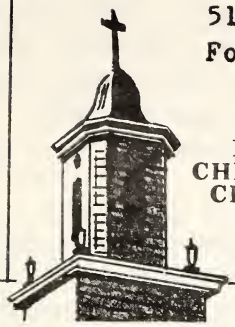

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

TIDINGS

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SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

NOW IS REGISTRATION TIME for our upcoming experiences for the coming months. We believe that rich opportunities for growing, learning, and relating are available for our people in a wide spectrum of interests and approaches. We are enlisting for our weekly opportunities here among us, for three retreats at Camp Barbee, and for eight experiences offered in this general area of the country.

Daytime experiences, Sunday opportunities both morning and evening, and weekday evenings are available for growth and learning. If you do not have the full copy which was included with THE TIDINGS of December 15, it is available at all entry ways of the church building.

CONSIDER:

1. EDGE OF ADVENTURE

13 Sundays beginning January 9 from 5:15 to 6:45 P.M. This is the last offering of this course in the immediate future since so many have shared in the previous eight groups. Join the 6 already committed.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

ATURDAY, JANUARY 8

3:00 P.M. Faith at Work, Uniondale Methodist Church

UNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
2:00 P.M. Area I Youth Commission
5:15 P.M. School of Christian Growth
6:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

IONDAY, JANUARY 10

10:00 A.M. Study Group
1:00 P.M. NO Gamboe Group
7:15 P.M. U. O. T.
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
7:30 P.M. Guild, Mildred Hutchinson, 422 W. Oakdale

UESDAY, JANUARY 11

9:30 A.M. Fat Is In Your Head
7:30 P.M. Diaconate Meeting
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

EDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

9:15 A.M. CWF Evaluation
7:30 P.M. Fireside Group, Schwartz's 3805 S. Harrison

HURSDAY, JANUARY 13

9:30 A.M. U.O.T.
9:30 A.M. Rivera Group
:00 P.M. Over Eaters Anonymous
:15 P.M. U.O.T.
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

SERVING JANUARY 9

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ben Taylor and Fred Smell

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and Rolland Ripple

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. E. Place, K. Place, M.L. Hartzler, S. Rayl

10:45 A.M. G. Davis, D. Young, E. Conrad, B. Hendricks, J. Taylor, S. Schell, T. Frappier, C. Cline

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, M. Byers

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Place-SW, K. Place-NW

10:45 A.M. G. Davis-SW, D. Young-NW E. Conrad-SE, B. Hendricks-NE

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Bert Leversee - Sam Hayes
William Schilling - Delmas Young

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Pat Norman and Delores Keebortz

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mark and Pauline Snyder

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. J. Jenkins

10:45 A.M. P. Bickel, S. Thompson, P. Campbell

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

Mrs. Betty Grimm (surgery 1/4) 410
Mrs. Ruth Stone (surgery 1/4) 473
483 Mrs. Ina Smith
M-220 Mrs. Bertiana Hardy

ST. JOSEPH:

319 - Mr. Vaughn Brickley
353 - Mr. Ralph Reynolds (surg. 1/5)

ERROR IN DECEMBER AVERAGES

Our Program Support for December was $2,017.31 instead of 1,933.61. A part of our deposit for 12/26 was overlooked in the original reporting. Sorry!

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Mrs. Hildred Favory on 1/3/77. Mrs. Favory was a long time member. Sympathy is extended to her son, William; her sister, Marvel Brickley; and her brother, Kenneth Timmons among our fellowship.

HARMONY CLASS TO HOST GOSPEL SEEKERS & HIGHSCHOOL CLASSES

The Harmony Class will host a continental style breakfast at 9:30 A.M. sharp next Sunday the 9th in their class area for the Gospel Seekers Class and the High School Class. These two classes doubled their average attendance at least once during the month of December.

HARMONY CLASS PLANS

The Harmony Class is planning an afternoon of skating and sledding January 15. Details will be discussed next Sunday. There is a standing invitation to all members of the class to attend the "cracker-barrel" discussion group. The next discussion will be January 24 at 7:00 P.M. Cheese and crackers will be served.

C.Y.F. BUSY!

Mel Baugher, Mike Campbell, Carol & Chad Cline, Cory & Dan Church, Clint Crowe, Anne Lee, Kathy Lee, Ken Taylor, Diana Wortley, Ralph & Judy Church & Harold Cline were at Camp Barbee for a winter outing last Wednesday and Thursday.

Irene Current, Delores Keebortz, Ben & Val Taylor were adults with the youth for the New Year's Eve All Night Party.

Sunday, they begin work on Youth Sunday which is January 30.

SEASONS GREETINGS TO CONGREGATION!

(EDITOR'S NOTE: I regret very much that several cards were accidently set aside and not listed in previous weeks. Please accept my apology! May all sense greetings from these as well as all listed in previous weeks. H.E. Cline)

Ethel Allen *Vaughn & Marvel Brickley* *Mrs. Walter Birkhold*

Our total amount received in Christmas cards was $340.00. In addition there were special checks received from one member which the church could not process because they were made out directly to the homes. Thus our Christmas Cards are totaling $195.00 for the Flinn Home for aged in Marion and $175.00 for the Cleveland Christian Home for children. In addition basic outreach support for the homes and brotherhood work was $600.00 from our Christmas offering.

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS:

We recently received this card concerning our monthly giving for Week of Compassion of $125 and our annual special offering in February.

WHERE THE ACTION IS

Another earthquake! More than 50,000 homeless in Turkey (20,000 children), in snow and freezing temperatures. Deaths may reach 7,000. Food, clothing, medical supplies for immediate needs adequate. Housing and cash to enable resettlement needed. Church World Service responding to urgent request for Arctic tents, is helping with rehabilitation and reconstruction.

Another draught! Corn, bean crops lost in Nicaragua. Critical shortages milk and protein foods in Niger. CWS rushed tons powdered milk, canned meat, soy-fortified sorghum--your hunger contributions helped provide.

Your offering made this aid possible. (This is not an appeal.)

--Marilynne Hill, Administrative Dir.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE DIACONATE...*Are invited to a very important meeting to be held at the church January 11. Time: 7:30 P.M. Please make every effort to be present!*

Russ Wortley, and Delores Keebortz, Co-chairmen,
Board of Diaconate

2. UNDERSTANDING THE OLD TESTAMENT

Presently 1 has signed for Monday evenings, 2 for Thursday mornings, and 4 for Thursday evenings. Only the latter is assured now for this in-depth Biblical study led by Dr. Cline for 20 weeks.

3. YOGA POSTURES AND CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Eight are signed for Monday evenings assuring that night and five for Thursday. Ruby Cline is leading this combination of growth experiences.

4. THE FAT IS IN YOUR HEAD

This usage of book and tapes by Charlie Shedd needs more than the present two registrants to meet on Tuesday mornings.

5. OVER EATERS ANONYMOUS

Four are signed for 7:00 to 7:30 on Thursday evenings - Others join up!

6. GOOD GRIEF

Five are now signed for this five week Sunday evening experience from 5:15 to 6:45 P.M. It is for those experiencing loss through death, divorce, separation, etc.

7. FINDING CHRIST

This focus on finding a personal relationship with a living Christ will meet in Room 120 for the next three Sunday mornings under the leadership of Dr. Cline. This is a new attempt to look at what it means to find Christ and to be in Christ.

We ask help in enlistment. If you have a particular interest be sure to enlist others to join you for a particular time and course. The whole of the "GOOD GRIEF" enrollment has come this way.

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These six courses highlight the immediate courses beginning this Sunday or during the next week. We need minimum nombers to offer each course. Child care will be arranged if this is noted on registrations. Call the church office for furthur information or to register. REGISTER NOW! BEGIN SESSIONS SUNDAY OR DURING THE NEXT WEEK!

SPECIAL EVENTS SOON

Miriam Bixenman, Sharon Pauley, and Nancy Wortley are registered to participate in EDUCARE at French Lick on January 14-16.

The lay registrants are needed this weekend for the HELPER CLINIC in Cincy on Jan. 28-30. Any person who is willing to take evangelism seriously should discuss this possibility with Dr. Cline. He can only attend if he is joined by a team of our laity.

Four are currently registered for the overnight Spiritual Life Retreat at Camp Barbee Tuesday and Wednesday, January 25 & 26. This focuses on improving prayer and devotional life in one's pilgrimmage with God. TASTE AND SEE is the resource book for this experiential event led by Ruby Cline.

PANTRY NEEDS:
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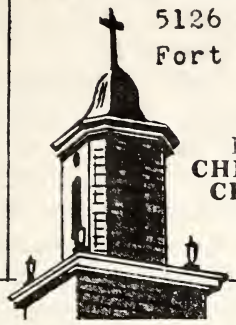

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. School of Christian Growth
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 17
10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:30 P.M. Yoga Postures & Christian Meditation
7:30 P.M. Membership Committee

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18
9:30 A.M. The Fat Is In Your Head Group
11:45 A.M. CWF Salad Potluck

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20
9:30 A.M. Understanding the O.T.
7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous
7:15 P.M. Understanding the O.T.
7:30 P.M. Yoga Postures & Christian Meditation
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PRAYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

A new item for THE TIDINGS begins this week as we list the names of twenty of our members. These twenty persons will receive the attention of our members and friends for intercessory prayers for a seven day period extending for the week of January 16-22. Such a list will be printed each week both in THE TIDINGS and in the Sunday bulletin. During 1977 every member of First Christian Church will be included for intercessory prayer for a one week period.

We are asking members and friends to include these persons in daily intercessory prayer. Some of our groups will use this as a basis for intercessory prayers. Our Celebration Worship each Sunday evening at 7:00 P.M. will have a prayer period for these twenty persons. These persons will be prayed for by name one or more times each week during the daily staff prayer time.

This is one way that our congregation is expressing a concern

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SERVING JANUARY 16

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Rayl and Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Merle Grimm and Dean Widler

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. S. Thompson, B. Lehman, E. Brown, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, S. Knuckles, R. Baugher, D. Short, P. Norman, M. Crouse, R. Jenkins, G. Falbe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

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Carol Lee and Andrea Benny

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler

10:45 A.M. L. Wiley, B. Hayes, K. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 336 Mrs. Ruth Plummer
717 Mr. Omer Lee

ST. JOSEPH: 319 Mr. Vaughn Brickley
353 Mr. Ralph Reynolds
452 Mr. Ralph Church

LUTHERAN: 410 Mrs. Betty Grimm
M-220 Mrs. Bertiana Hardy
473 Mrs. Ruth Stone

THANK YOU:

Many thanks for your prayers and cards and the acts of kindness during my recent illness.

Mildred Young

1977 GIVING ENVELOPES

A slight change in wording has caused some confusion in the usage of our 1977 envelopes. "Program Support" is regular, budget, or that for which we recently make commitments. "Building Fund" is for what it says. The blank line is for designated giving such as Pantry, Memorial Gift, or some other designated purpose. Remember our basic Mission and Ministry operational account is supported through "Program Support." We need $115,792 for this calendar year of 1977 or $2,227 weekly!

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

All offered groups are begun on the weekly basis! We rejoice in the level of participation. Some could join certain of the groups if participation begins by the second meeting. Call Mrs. Bixenman or Dr. Cline if you would like to join any of the weekly groups!

THANK YOU NOTES:

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us...Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Hildred Favory.

I am so grateful for all the calls and cards and especially Dr. Cline's and Mrs. Bixenman's calls during my recent hospital stay.

Ina Smith

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUIT, CANNED MEAT, POWDERED MILK BABY FOOD

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD ON JANUARY 4, 1977

Mainly due to extremely high property costs during December centering in the gas bill and a large repair bill for radiators and the boiler, the basic operating fund ended 1976 in the red by $2,640. This happened in spite of basically good giving during December, but reflects shortages in other earlier months. Our total Property expense for December for utilities, repairs, custodial care and supplies was $3,863.

The basic balances of the Memorial and Special Funds as reported by treasurer, Ronald Flickinger indicated the following:

CHURCH VOCATION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
Investment Principal (this stays intact)	$35,754.66
Income Earned (for Scholarships, Interns)	2,175.15
ENDOWMENT MEMORIAL TRUST FUND	
Investment Principal (this stays intact)	13,006.64
Income Earned (used for operating fund)	6.01
BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FUND	1,868.39
CAPITAL OUTREACH FUND	210.32
EDNA VAUGHT FUND-INVESTMENT IN LOVE	769.83
BALANCE ON HAND - DEC. 31, 1976	$53,791.00

The Building Fund paid back another $1,000 on its loan from the Memorial Funds during December making our loan currently $20,000.

The major block of the meeting was to unite the gap between out results of Commitments for 1977 with the projected expenses.

The approved needs for 1977 as projected by the committees and the board totaled $125,707.

Toward this need, we received 196 commitments totaling $91,886.20. We can forsee $4,260 through Endowment earnings, Church School and Loose Offerings. A check of past giving showed 100 giving units still giving in the last quarter and in the same membership status and thus likely to continue giving at a level of $15,000 annually. This gave a total of $111,655.20 in projected income. After much discussion the Board cut $12,355 off the recommendation of the committees and added the $2,640 deficit as of January 1. The final PROPOSED MINISTRIES FOR 1977 is:

Pastoral Leadership	$39,992
Office Ministry	19,280
Educational Program	4,200
Evangelism	650
Membership	2,250
Provision for Building Facility	19,700
Stewardship Development & Deficit	3,040

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SIGNIFICANT BOARD ACTION (from page three)

Facilitating Worship	$ 6,230
Local Community Outreach & Service	4,750
Outreach Ministry in Region, Nation World	15,700
TOTAL NEEDS	$115,792

The Board recognized that Projected Income did not equal budgeted needs, but felt that we need to work toward this need goal which seems to be a bare minimum.

PRAYING (from page one)

for each and every member during 1977.

PRAYER LIST FOR JANUARY 16-22:

Mark Akers
Debra Augsburger
Clifton Bowman
Thomas L. Burkholder
Harold Childers
Esther Clipp
Audrey Corkwell
Amelia Dare
Glen Edington
Betty Farrow
Freda Flaugh
Max Geiselman
Florance Hagar
John Hechler
Robert Hill
Iva Imbody
Linda Johnstone
Ramona Ketner
James Lesher
Cora McKinney

We invite all our members and friends to join in this special intercessory prayer effort during 1977. This is something that homebound and non-resident members can do. This is one way of building a community through prayer and mutuality.

The Apostle Paul in the Ephesian letter is quoted in this way--"With this in mind, then, I knell in prayer to the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth

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takes its name, that out of the treasures of his glory he may grant you strength and power through his Spirit in your inner being, and that through faith Christ may dwell in your hearts in love. With deep roots and firm foundations, may you be strong to grasp, with all God's people, what is the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ, and to know it, though it is beyond knowledge. So may you attain to fullness of being, the fulness of God himself." Eph. 3:14-19 NEB

CWF SALAD POTLUCK AND SPECIAL "WOMEN OF THE BIBLE" PROGRAM

The Christian Women's Fellowship will have a General Meeting Tuesday, January 18 beginning at 11:45 with a Salad Potluck. The Higdom Group will be hostesses. Please bring a salad to share and your table service.

The Program is being coordinated by Miriam Bixenman and will include dramatizations of "Women of the Bible". Participating in the program will be: Connie Wells, Ardith Wrisk, Edna Nordblom, Peg Buskirk, Genevieve Ripple, Reba Fusselman, Laverne Hunt, Delores Overmyer, Rose Jenkins, Ramona Ketner, Laura Marks and Val Taylor. Sara Davis will be worship leader.

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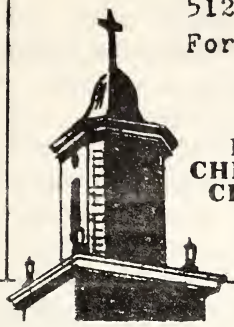

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CHURCH CALENDAR

UNDAY, JANUARY 23
:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:00 P.M. Chi Rho Sledding
:00 P.M. Bell Choir
:15 P.M. CYF to West Creighton
:30 P.M. School of Christian Growth: GOOD GRIEF & E. of A.
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

ONDAY, JANUARY 24
0:00 A.M. Study Group
:30 P.M. Associated Churches Annual Meeting, 1st Presbyterian
:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.

UESDAY, JANUARY 25
2:00 Noon DMA Potluck & Program
:00 P.M. Leave for Spir. Life

HURSDAY, JANUARY 26
:30 A.M. Understanding the O.T.
:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous
:15 P.M. Understanding the O.T.
:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

ANTRY NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK	BABY FOOD
CANNED FRUIT	SOAP POWDER
CANNED MEAT	INFANT'S CLOTHES

ecause of high heating bills, the eed for food for welfare people s greater. Please help!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Rev. Mel Seegar of Christ United Methodist Church will preach at the 10:45 A.M. Worship, "EMPTYING LIFE TO MAKE IT FULL" - John 10:7-10 and II Corinthians 8:7. The choir from the same congregation will be singing under the direction of Glenn Lebrecht.

Dr. Cline and our Chancel Choir will be preaching and singing at Faith Lutheran Church at 10:30 A.M. Other pastors and choirs included in this exchange are: Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren at Christ United Methodist; Calvary Presbyterian at Lincolnshire; and Faith Lutheran at Calvary Presbyterian. We along with the other churches will have a special fellowship time following the worship experiences for interaction and fellowship.

Dr. Cline will lead and preach during Meditative Worship at 8:15 on the theme, "THE BODY OF CHRIST-HOW DO WE MEASURE?" based on I Corinthians 12:12-30. He will also lead the Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M. WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!

SERVING JANUARY 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and Margaret Love

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Ross Harter

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, B. Pauley, M.L. Hartzler, C. Church

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen, M. Lehman, E. Nordblom, R. Krull, S. Hayes, K. Taylor, A. Benny, G. Davis

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8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. B. Busse, J. Ott, B. Finkhousen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M-220 Mrs. Bertiana Hardy
464 Mrs. Cora Harnish
429 Tony York

ST. JOSEPH: 319 Mr. Vaughn Brickley
617 Mr. Homer Stevenson

PARKVIEW: 742 Mr. Bill Lehman
716 Mr. Omer Lee

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Wendall Glass and family in the death of his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Pease, last Friday.

YOUTH LOUNGE FURNITURE

The C.Y.F. paid Mrs. Mary Lontz of Churubusco a nominal sum for a couch, two chairs, and a stereo-radio console. See their new acquisition! They are enjoying it. Thanks to Mary for her generosity!

MAIL OFFERINGS

Cold and snow has taken a toll on Sunday attendance recently. Giving can be mailed by check to the church. This is encouraged on the part of any who cannot attend. Expenses go on regardless of the weather. Just mail your gifts addressed to the church!

GROWTH THROUGH PARTICIPATION

Miriam Bixenman, Sharon Pauley, and Nancy Wortley participated in the EDUCARE Training at French Lick last weekend.

Mel Busse, Susie Watson, and Harold Cline are registered for the National Evangelism Clinic in Cincinnatti, January 28-30.

THANK YOU TO CHURCH

There isn't room in THE TIDINGS to fully express my gratitude for all the cards, prayers, and other acts of kindness that have been poured out on my behalf since my recent hospitalization.

I can only send my love and heartfelt thanks to everyone at First Christian.

In Christian Love,
Betty Grimm

WEEKEND OF CONGREGATIONAL RENEWAL

Our Christian Church in Indiana is sponsoring a unique and powerful vent on Friday evening and Saturday, February 11 and 12. Dr. Jerry irk and a strong laity team from College Hill Presbyterian Church in incinnati are providing basic leadership. Indiana Disciples plus verett Kussmann of Kansas City will co-lead the Workshop experiences n Saturday. Steve Doles is song leader for the event. Dr. Cline is rogram facilitator and chairman of the sponsoring Commission on Evngelism and Renewal of Indiana.

RIDAY, FEBRUARY 11 *(Sessions held at Third Christian, Indianapolis)*

1:00 to 5:30 P.M. - Special session for pastors led by Jerry Kirk.
6:30 P.M. - Served Dinner included in registration fee.
7:30 P.M. - Opening Session - Sing with Steve - Presentation by Jerry Kirk, "GET STARTED" - Witness on Renewal - Group Interaction

ATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:30 A.M. Continental Breakfast - Part of Program - Prayer Breakfast
8:00 A.M. Session with Singing led by Steve - Presentation by Jerry Kirk; "GET TOGETHER" - Witness on Theme - Small group experience
12:15 P.M. Served Luncheon - all three meals are in registration
1:00 - 3:45 P.M. MODEL WORKSHOPS led by College Hill laity & Indiana Disciples. (each participant will be in one for the full period.)

1. *Koinonia Groups - Impact of this style of community*
2. *Healing - A live demension to consider.*
3. *How to Equip Lay People to Evangelize Regularly*
4. *Church in Community - Ministry to Neighborhood*
5. *Creative Worship - (The lay leadership called for Disciples philosophy of worship resources to help prepare themselves for this workshop - Sensitivity! Dedication!)*
6. *Holy Spirit and Gifts of the Spirit*
7. *Total Stewardship of Time, Talent, Treasure*
8. *Youth and Young Adults*

4:00 P.M. CLOSING SESSION - Presentation by Jerry Kirk "GET ON WITH IT" Singing - Challenge - Commitment
5:15 P.M. Head for Home and share enrute!

ousing may be arranged in private homes at no cost or we have a block f motel rooms for our folk at a cost of $5 to $8 per person for the ight. Registration including the three meals is $10 per person - The nurch will pay half for the first fourteen! Call the church office r turn in your name and money on Sunday! Present participants now

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CONGREGATIONAL RENEWAL (from page three)
clude: Andrea Benny, Miriam Bixenman, Judy Church, Harold Cline, Rose Jenkins, and Sharon Pauley. This is a rich opportunity to learn from a dynamic, alive, and dedicated pastor and laity team!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

The last call is issued for this 24 hour growth experience at Camp Barbee next Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday, January 25 and 26. The background booklet of 88 pages, TASTE AND SEE, is available for registrants who must sign up no later than Sunday at 1:00 P.M. Cost is $5 for grounds and booklet plus sharing in planned menu. This is a growth experience and it is open to any person free to attend. Call the church office now to register.

Registrants at writing time include Andrea Benny, Judy Church, Ruby Cline, Rose Jenkins, and Val Taylor.

CYF BUSY!

The CYF will meet at 5:15 this Sunday after Bell Choir to go to West Creighton for a meal and joint meeting with the CYF's of North and West Creighton. Bring $1 for the meal.

CHI RHO SLEDDING PARTY

Chi Rho will meet at 4:00 P.M. this Sunday to go sledding at Franke Park. Bring sleds if you have any.

DMA DINNER AND MEETING
JANUARY 25

All retirees and senior citizens are invited next Tuesday, January 25 at 12:00 noon for the pitch-in meal. Bring a baby picture for the program. Hosting are Laura Marks, Irene Cline, Earl & Reba Fusselman. Bring table games also.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
JANUARY 23-29

William Miller
Bernard Norman
Florence Palmer
Mary Piatt
Ralph Richards
Ann Sands
Donald Smith
Fern Strole
Steven Tharp
Garth Vernor
Connie Wells
Diana Wortley
Gerald Zimmerman
Edwin R. Allen, Jr.
Kathryn Bixenman
Stephen Cobb
Virginia Dare
Dwain Graham
Donald Johnson
John E. Merrill, Jr.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30: CYF youth leading Divine Worship at 10:45 A.M.

Steve Doles preaching for Meditative Worship at 8:15 A.M.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

UNDAY, JANUARY 30
:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
2:00 Noon CYF Dinner at Cline's
:15 P.M. School of Christian Growth: Good Grief, E. of A.
:30 P.M. Youth Groups
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

ONDAY, JANUARY 31
:00 P.M. Harmony Class
Discussion Group
:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.

UESDAY, FEBRUARY 1
:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Mary Cook, 423 W. Oakdale

EDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2
:00 A.M. Spice Group, Gwynth Rice, 7001 Premiere
:30 P.M. Nelson Group, LaVerne Hunt, 1721 Shamrock Road
:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Bernice Montgomery, 716 Archer Ave.

HURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3
:30 A.M. Understanding the O.T.
:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous
:15 P.M. Understanding the O.T.
:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

YOUTH LEADING WORSHIP

Our C.Y.F. youth will be giving total leadership in the Divine Worship at 10:45 A.M. Sunday and will assist during Meditative Worship at 8:15 A.M. Steve Doles will preach on "Jesus in the OLD TESTAMENT" during Meditative Worship and will lead Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M.

A historical motiff will be used by the youth at 10:45 A.M. as Melanie Baugher speaks for the church NOW and Dan Church represents Barton Stone and Chad Cline, Alexander Campbell, in a dialogue message between these early leaders of our church and the present.

Clint Crowe will give the Call to Worship & Invocation; Cory Church will give the Morning Prayer; Diana Wortley will preside at Communion and Offering; Anne Lee will lead Community Sharing; Ken Taylor will read Scripture; and Carol Cline will give the Children's Sermonette.

Also serving as deacons, ushers, and/or greeters are Bill Schilling, Beth Schilling, Kathy Lee, Necia

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SERVING JANUARY 30

NOTE: Youth will be serving as ELDERS, DEACONS, USHERS, and GREETERS for both the 8:15 and 10:45 Worship Hours as part of Youth Sunday.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eileen Klepfer & Mildred Hartman

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jack and Pam Bickel

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. A. Newman, B. Short, C. Cline

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

632 Mr. Robert Clipp
477 Mrs. Cora Harnish
205 James Shirley
M-220 Mrs. Bertiana Hardy

SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

We had nine at Camp Barbee this week for the Spiritual Growth Retreat: Lee Baugher, Andrea Benny, Judy Church, Ruby Cline, Sara Davis, Rose Jenkins, Val Taylor and Janet Weicker.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING IS POSTPONED FROM FEBRUARY 1 UNTIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8!

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK, SOAP POWDER, CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED FRUIT

PROJECT AT HAND

Our ditto machine which has been used for the Christian Education office has passed the 25 year mark and has unreplacable parts. We have been offered an electric ditto by one of our members for $200. Do we have any person or group interested in buying this for the Education office or making contributions toward its purchase? We need to know by the end of February.

FUNERAL DINNERS

We often have occasions to need the serving of funeral dinners and there are no close ties with one of the CWF groups. Thus, we have had many volunteer to serve in such cases. Chairing the three groups are Irene Current, Barb Hayes, and Melly Newman. If any others desire to provide food or help serve on these special funeral dinner groups, please call the church office. The CWF Evaluation uncovered the desire and need for these services -- many offered help and formed the nucleus to date.

PIANIST FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Any interested persons who would be willing to be pianist for the Children's Choir should contact Dr. Cline. There is some renumerations for this program which is normally during the last two thirds of Divine Worship from September through May. We need help at this point. Would someone step forward to offer themselves or recommend?

CONGREGATIONAL ACTION ON RECOMMENDED SUPPORT FOR 1977

Jack Weicker, our congregation's moderator, will preside over this one em of business during Community Sharing of both Worship hours this Sun- y. The Board of Trustees had a thorough airing and revision of the fin- cial support for our program of mission and ministry during the January eting. They trimmed $12,355 off of committee askings and added to our eds the deficit of December 31, 1976 for a final challenge goal of 15,792 or $2,227 weekly. (We rejoice that we have already averaged ,270.91 for the first four Sundays of this new year--let's do it for 48 re!)

The Board based its action on studied materials of commitment program sults and giving of the past several years. Our commitments for 1977 ve the basis for the following projected income:

196 Giving Units made a total commitment of	$ 91,886.20
Income from Loose Off., Ch. Sch. & Endowment	4,250.00
Analysis of 100 current giving units who did not pledge in the effort	15,509.00
PROJECTED INCOME FOR 1977	$111,655.20

The Board decided that the congregation needed to be challenged above is projected total in light of the need of the $12,355 which they have ready cut from the original budget. They felt our minimum needs for 77 were as follows:

OPERATIONAL GIVING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY DURING 1977

	Actual Spending 1975-76	Proposed by Committees	Recommended by Board for 1977
STORAL LEADERSHIP	$ 34,094.40	$ 39,992	$ 39,992
FICE MINISTRY	17,974.16	19,980	19,280
UCATIONAL PROGRAM	3,740.85	7,100	4,200
ANGELISM WITNESS	975.04	700	650
MBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	2,641.57	3,250	2,250
OVISION OF BUILDING	19,508.76	20,205	19,700
EWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT	439.09	500	3,040
CILITATING WORSHIP	5,312.06	6,480	6,230
CAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH	4,414.70	7,650	4,750
TREACH MINISTRY IN REGION, NATION AND WORLD	11,450.00	19,650	15,700
TOTALS	$100,550.63	$125,507	$115,792

YOUTH SUNDAY (from page one)

Stucker, Patty Campbell, Mike Campbell, Steve Grimm and Bruce Grimm.

The youth are practicing again at 2:00 P.M. this Friday and will have a dinner at the Cline's Sunday noon.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JANUARY 30 to FEBRUARY 5

Steve Powell	*Cory Church*
Betty Goetz	*Helen Clymore*
Muriel Wilson	*Robert Corkwell*
Beatrice Baker	*Sara Davis*
Ardith Wrisk	*Linda Eich*
David Williams	*Sally Feasby*
Sue Allen	*Kenneth Flesher*
Douglas Baker	*Bette Gerrard*
Rebecca Bowman	*David Hall*
Robert Burnworth	*Pearl Heidecker*

Pray for these Persons:

-- Before or During Sunday Worship
-- In Group Meetings
-- At Celebration Worship
-- In Daily Staff Meetings
-- In personal prayer periods

THANK YOU NOTE:

Dear Friends:

We wish to express our deep appreciation to the First Christian Church of Fort Wayne for the recent gift of $175 we received.

Our relationship to the church is very important to us and we are grateful for your sharing in our ministry in the name of Christ."

Sincerely yours,
John Petten, Administrator,
Cleveland Christian Home

(This was from our Christmas Card giving!)

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS COMING

Now is a time to contact Dr. Cline about the <u>Adult Discipleship Series</u> which runs February 6 through March 27 during the Church School hour in Room 130. This series of eight sessions deals with relationship with the church and the giving form to Christian commitment in terms of the organic church. Bible, Christ, Church History, Sacraments, Worship, and Christian life are discussed. Much emphasis is given to questions and discussion. These are open to inquirers, members, and friends of the church. If you have questions or if you desire to participate, contact Dr. Cline.

STAFF GROWTH EXPERIENCES

Mrs. Miriam Bixenman flew to Denver on Tuesday and will spend a couple of days with Ross and Emmalou Nierman, former members here. Then she will be involved in the annual sessions of the Association of Christian Church Educators from Friday through Monday.

Harold Cline will be in Cincinnati from Friday noon through late Monday for the National Clinic entitled, Help Equip Lay Persons to Evangelize Regularly. Mel Busse is attending from Friday evening through Sunday.

Steve Doles will be here from Friday through Sunday.

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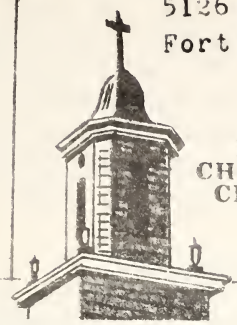

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CHURCH CALENDAR

ATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5
:00 P.M. Faith at Work, First Wayne United Methodist

UNDAY, FEBRUARY 6
:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:00 P.M. Bell Choir
:15 P.M. School of Christian Growth
:30 P.M. Youth Groups
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

ONDAY, FEBRUARY 7
0:00 A.M. Study Group
:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Melly Newman, 7914 Imperial Plaza Dr.

UESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
:30 A.M. The Fat Is In Your Head Group
:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

HURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9
:30 A.M. Rivera Group
:30 A.M. Understanding the O.T.
:00 P.M. Temple Trimmers
:15 P.M. Understanding the O.T.
:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

ANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK, SUGAR CANNED FRUIT, BABY FOOD, JELLO

GOOD NEWS IS IN JESUS!

We believe that Jesus brings good news and wholeness to life. Jesus is very much in the center of our worship as we move through these next ten Sundays which climax in our Easter celebration.

Perhaps, winter will be calming a bit and we can all gather together to worship this Sunday and in the weeks to come. May we allow the freshness of our Lord to speak to our needs. May we affirm, "Jesus Is Lord!" by our repeated prayers to God, by the evidence of our worship, and by the expression of our common everyday lives.

SUNDAY MORNING SERMONS

Feb. 6 - *"Jesus As Leader"* or *"Follow Me and I will make you to become"*
Mark 1:17; Mark 10:28-34; Luke 5:1-11

Feb. 13 - *"Jesus, As Enabler of Ordinary Persons"* or *"Do You Love Me?"*
John 21:15-21; Luke 9:28-36; Mark 3:7-19

Feb. 20 - *"Jesus, As Healer"* or *"Heal the Sick!"*
Matthew 10:1-13; Mark 5:5-43

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SERVING FEBRUARY 6

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Fred Smell and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and Steve Harter

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. S. Thompson, B. Lehman, E. Brown, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles, R. Baugher, D. Short P. Norman, R. Jenkins, G. Falbe, M. Crouse, M. Finkhousen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, M. Byers

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown-NW, D. Allen-SW

10:45 A.M. P. Norman-SW, R. Jenkins-SE, G. Falbe-NW, M. Crouse-NE

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Ross Harter - Gary Falbe

Dean Widler - Russell Wortley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eileen Klepfer & Mildred Hartman

COFFEE HOURS HOSTS

Ralph & Judy Church

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee

10:45 A.M. C. Busse, C. Akers, N. Hendricks

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M-205 Mr. Jim Shirley

458-447 - Mrs. Mildred Young

ST. JOSEPH: 406 Mr. Don Short

447 - Mrs. Deann Halbrook

THANK YOU

I wish to thank the ministers and members of the church for their prayers, cards, and visits during my recent illness.

Ralph Reynolds

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

All members of the Board of Trustees are invited to be present at 7:30 P.M., next Tuesday, February 8. One major topic for discussion will be the proposed Capital Outreach Program of Indiana.

SUNDAY IS DECISION DAY

We would invite persons, couples, or families to consider making a step of commitment to Christ or renewal of that commitment through a transfer of membership this Sunday in one of our Worship Hours. DECIDE FOR CHURCH AND THE CHURCH!

JANUARY AVERAGES

Church Worship	237
Church School	117
Through-the-Week Ed.	47
Program Support	$2,112.73
Building Fund	220.54

NEED FOR GIVING

Our treasurer needs to write two costly bills this weekend--our annual insurance premium of $2,018.75 and our January gas bill of $1,108.06. These are basic operating costs for which we need giving so much RIGHT NOW! Inflation is evident! Let's inflate giving!

WE REJOICE WITH OUR YOUTH

Thanks so much to our Youth who gave leadership in the two worships last Sunday morning. The drifting snow, chilling cold and fuel crisis combined to limit participation to 142. Thanks to the youth for an excellent job!

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP SERIES

Members and Friends who want to take a basic look at the church and faith are invited to join Dr. Cline for the next eight Sunday mornings, February 6-March 27, in Room 130 during the Church School hour, 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. Basic issues of the Christian faith, life and community will be discussed and much time spent for questions and interaction. Start this Sunday at 9:30 A.M. promptly!

WEEKEND FOR CONGREGATIONAL RENEWAL

All registrations are due this Sunday for this outstanding event led by Jerry Kirk and a group of his laity from College Hill Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati plus outstanding laity and pastors of our Indiana Churches. Time is 6:30 P.M., Friday, February 11 until 5:15 P.M. Saturday, February 12. Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast and lunch are included in registration. It will be held at Third Christian Church in Indianapolis. Housing is free in private homes or can be arranged with others of our congregation for $5 to $8 for the one night in the closest motel.

Steve Doles is leading singing for this event and Dr. Cline is program coordinator. We have ten registered to date from our congregation--Will you be among 20 of us???

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP CAMP OUT

This experience for 24 hours at Camp Barbee will replace the usual Pastor's Class this spring. It will be held from 5:00 P.M. Friday, February 18 until 5:00 P.M., February 19. Mrs. Miriam Bixenman and Dr. Harold Cline are giving leadership. Youth of grades 6, 7, & 8 are encouraged to attend because this is basic background education for making a Christian commitment. Contact the office or the pastors to register -- $2 is needed for the site by each participant.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

This has been postponed from the weekend of March 4-6 until March 18-20. Limited to nine couples it will be led by George and Juanita Mendenhall. We have four couples registered. It opens at 7:00 P.M. on Friday and ends at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday. Much time will be used as couples work with one another in communication and appreciation. Sign up as soon as possible. Cost is $14 per couple plus sharing in food in a planned menu.

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MONEY MANAGEMENT SERIES

The four Sunday evenings of March will have a very special program to which you are invited to any one or all of the sessions 5:15 to 6:45 P.M.

March 6 - Budgeting and Philosophy of Money
March 13 - Life Insurance and Investments
March 20 - Estate Planning
March 27 - Wills and Bequests

CELEBRATION WORSHIP - CHRIST IS ALIVE!

Our Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M. each Sunday night will have definite input from the book CHRIST IS ALIVE! by Michel Quoist. Copies of the book will be made available to those who would read the 158 pages. Celebration Worship will also have other features which do not demand simple a focus upon this resource. The book seeks to reflect and meditate on the aspects of the Living Christ. The author states his intentions in these words:

"Every man or group of men today can live in Jesus Christ; and he can do so without cutting himself off from his own life. Christ himself is living in the heart of the world; and his total Mystery--that of Creation, Incarnation, and Resurrection--embodies and animates all of life and all of history. To be a Christian is to bind oneself to Christ, but to the total Christ, head and body, in order to live consciously, every day, that mystery of love which is the historical realization of the eternal plan of the Father."

Feb. 6 - "Are There Any New Christians?"
Feb. 13 - "Christianity and the Aspirations of Modern Man"

GOOD NEWS (from page one)

Feb. 27 - *"Jesus, As Teacher"* or *"Love the Lord your God ... and your neighbor as yourself.*
Mark 12:28-34; Mark 4:1-34; Mark 7:1-53

March 6 - *"Jesus, As Friend of Sinners"* or *"I did not come to call virtuous people, but sinners."*
Matthew 9:9-17; Mark 2:1-12

March 13 - *"Jesus, As a Servant"* or *"I am One among you who serves"*
Mark 10:35-45; John 13:1-38.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
FEBRUARY 6 - 12

James Hirshy	Ethel Richart
Jaynie Jenkins	Raymond Russell
Linda Kalb	Forest Smith
Irene Kissinger	Patrice Stucker
Bruce Lehman	Richard Thompson
Jean Mathis	Ingrid von Buchler
Frank Moody	Mildred Walsh
Laveta Norton	Joe Wiley
Eunice Parker	Charles Wrisk
Kenneth Place	Karen Zimmerman

Feb. 20 - "A Spirituality for Contemporary Christians"
Feb. 27 - "Jesus Christ and Faith"
March 6 - "The Mystery of Creation"
March 13 - "The Mystery of Incarnation"
(series will continue thru April 10

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. School of Christian Growth
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14
7:00 P.M. Outreach & Service
7:30 P.M. Guild, Pearl Heidecker, 2445 Fairfield #313
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
9:30 A.M. The Fat Is In Your Head Group
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
6:50 P.M. Choral Festival Rehearsal, Waynedale UMC
7:00 P.M. Temple Trimmers
7:15 P.M. Understanding the O.T.
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18
9:15 A.M. CWF Evaluation
4:00 P.M. Youth leave for Discipleship Retreat

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUIT, CANNED VEGETABLES, POWDERED MILK, BABY FOOD

SHAKERTOWN PLEDGE

Recognizing that the earth and the fullness thereof is a gift from our gracious God, and that we are called to cherish, nurture, and provide loving stewardship for the earth's resources,

And recognizing that life itself is a gift, and a call to responsibility, joy, and celebration,

I make the following declarations:

1. *I declare myself to be a world citizen.*
2. *I commit myself to lead an ecologically sound life.*
3. *I commit myself to lead a life of creative simplicity and to share my personal wealth with the world's poor.*
4. *I commit myself to join with others in reshaping institutions in order to bring about a more just global society in which each person has full access to the needed resources for their physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth.*

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SERVING FEBRUARY 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Hendricks and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and William Franklin

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, B. Pauley, C. Church, M. Hartman

10:45 A.M. M. Lehman, E. Nordblom, R. Krull, S. Hayes, K. Taylor, A. Benny, G. Davis, D. Young

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, B. Pauley-NW

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-NW, A. Benny-SW, E. Nordblom-NE, M. Lehman-SE

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Elinor Place and Mary Lou Hartzler

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Andrea Benny and Rosemary Krull

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. A. Benny, L. Wiley, B.S. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:
406 Mr. Donald Short
LUTHERAN 325 Mrs. Ina Smith
PARKVIEW 545 Mrs. Ruth Plummer

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Laura Marks in the sudden death of her husband several weeks ago.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

"Christianity and the Aspirations of Modern Man" from CHRIST IS ALIVE is a focus this week. We pray for all 20 of the weekly intercessory prayer list.

BLANKET DRIVE

FEBRUARY IS BLANKET MONTH through Church World Service. Bring new or good used blankets (any size) to the Blanket Box in Fellowship Hall. Give a donation $4 for one blanket or donations toward a blanket (CWS buys the blankets for us at this special price). Mark BLANKET SPECIAL GIVING clearly on church envelope or turn in through CWF group. Let's share so people can be warm in our world!

A CALL FOR ALL TO HELP!

Our basic giving for Mission and Ministry for the first 6 Sundays of 1977 has averaged $2,236.25 against our projected goal of $2,227. We rejoice in this giving! Yet we know that it will not hold this way unless ALL will give regularly and proportionately. We have a good start on the year--let's keep it ahead of schedule! We can do it!

THANK YOU NOTE

I wish to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers, and calls during my stay at the hospital. Thanks especially to Rev. Cline and Earl Fusselman.

Will see you soon.

Vaughn Brickley

A PRAYER FOR ALL:

Thank you, God
-- For all you have given me
-- For all you have taken from me
-- For all you have left with me.

(Wayne E. Oates)

WEEK OF COMPASSION

The major Protestant churches join each year in "ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING" for relief, rehabilitation, and development around the world. Disciple Churches participate in this through the Week of Compassion scheduled for February 20-27. Through this special offering we will not only provide for ongoing rehabilitation and development, but will send emergency relief to 20 or 30 disaster that will strike somewhere in our world in the coming year.

There are few places where our giving can do so much. We ask everyone to give in a sacrifical manner. Special offering envelopes are in the giving sets and will be in the pew holders for use on the 20th and 27th. The total Church School offering of February 20 also is for this cause. We also give as a church $125 per month through regular mission and ministry support giving. Our Week of Compassion special giving should be upwards of $1,500 this month.

We give many things when we give to WEEK OF COMPASSION.

-- We give good

-- We give shelter and medical aid.

-- We give water.

g in community development

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owing amounts we spend for day-to-
do so much for the world's hungry:

buy one day's food for 10 children.
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l buy one warm blanket
ll buy 12 8 oz glasses of milk
1 hoe and 1 shovel
ame...will buy 40 lbs. of split
beans

GIVE TO WEEK OF COMPASSION

SHAKERTOWN PLEDGE (from page one)

5. *I commit myself to occupational accountability, and in so doing I will seek to avoid the creation of products which cause harm to others.*
6. *I affirm the gift of my body, and commit myself to its proper nourishment and physical well-being.*
7. *I commit myself to examine continually my relations with others, and to attempt to relate honestly, morally, and lovingly to those around me.*
8. *I commit myself to personal renewal through prayer, meditation and study.*
9. *I commit myself to responsible participation in a community of faith.*

The above is how one group has sought to express their concerns about our human responsibilities toward the earth and each other. Does this express your concern? How would you write it differently? Use some devotional moments to go over this consciously in the presence of God.

Copied from ALIVE NOW May. June. 1975, p. 44

GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN BIBLES

The full text, Old and New Testament, copies of the Bible in the Good News For Modern Man version have now arrived. This is the second shipment of these Bibles. The first 25 were gone before they were hardly in the office and several requested copies who did not get them. If these persons, who requested Bibles and did not get them, will phone the church office this week, we will lay aside a copy with your name on it for you. The balance will be on sale during coffee hour next Sunday. Copies are hard back and are $2.50 each. This is a full translation, not a paraphrase. Most of us are familiar with the New Testament in this version and have found it most helpful. The Old Testament is of equal quality.

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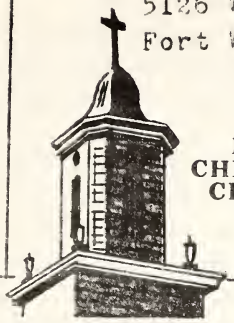

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ECUMENICAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

This Sunday evening at 7:30 P.M., our Chancel Choir is joining six other choirs to sing praises to God at Waynedale United Methodist Church. We had a rich experience a year ago as we hosted this event and our building was filled with song. A variety of music will be used.

Bring the whole family and friends to this worship through song. A nursery will be provided for small children.

In addition to our choir, choirs will represent Christ, New Haven, Simpson, South Wayne, and Waynedale United Methodist Churches and West Creighton Christian Church.

Participating from among us are singers: Janet Weicker, Becky Stucky, Joyce Crowe, Pauline Horn, Barbara Busse, Carolyn Falbe, Anita Fitch, Connie Knight, Armela Newman, Nancy Wortley, Mary Lontz, Mel Busse, Tom Knuckles, Charles Newman, Jim Stucky, and Vincent Wells.

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WEEK OF COMPASSION FEBRUARY 20-27, 1977

Compassionate, considerate, sacrifical giving is in order for this important special day offering. Gifts will be received in the total Church School offering this Sunday or in the special Week of Compassion envelopes in sets or pews, or by designated marking on regular giving envelopes.

Since this is one time in the year that we gather this special financial resource for meeting world needs of hunger, water, relief, emergency aid, and rehabilitation, our gifts need to be maximized so that together we move toward $1,500 or more in this special giving. This is a concrete expression of effort and aid to meet human needs in the name of Christ at the hurting point of our world. Christianity is not unrelated to reality--our Week of Compassion efforts provide a realistic and life-giving aid.

We call on young and old alike to give from the available resources. We give many things through Week of Compassion--food, shelter and medical aid, water, equipment and ski-

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SERVING FEBRUARY 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ross Harter and Rolland Ripple

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and Merle Grimm

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman, B. Pauley, M.L. Hartzler, S. Rayl

10:45 A.M. E. Conrad, B. Hendricks, J. Taylor, S. Schell, T. Frappier, C. Cline, H. Stevenson, S. Knuckles

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman-NW, B. Pauley-SW

10:45 A.M. C. Cline-SE, S. Knuckles-NE, S. Schell-SW, J. Taylor-NW

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Robert Johnson - Cory Church

Margaret Love - Edna Nordblom

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Elinor Place & Mary Lou Hartzler

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bob and Bev Hendricks

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. Arruza

10:45 A.M. P. Norman, N. Lucas, D. Wortley

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 721 Mrs. Hazel Firestone

545 Mrs. Ruth Plummer

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED To Gerhard Brour and his family in the death of his mother in Germany.

CORRECTION: It was a "brother" not a "husband" of Laura Marks in our sympathy note of last week. Please excuse this error!

WEEK OF COMPASSION

FEBRUARY 20-27, 1977

GIVE THIS WEEK TO AID IN CHRIST'S NAME DURING ALL 52 WEEKS OF THE YEAR. Make a sacrificial gift so that we can have $1,500 in our special offering!

ECUMENICAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

Worship led by seven massed choirs this Sunday evening at 7:30 P.M. at Waynedale United Methodist Church. Our Celebration Worship gives way to this event.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Marcus Eugene Mitchell and Bonnie Lucille Kiser on 2/14/77. They are residing at 202 W. Butler.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

Both the Cleveland Christian Home and Woodhaven Christian Home are in need of a large number of Campbell Soup labels to buy special equipment for their use. To date, we have sent over 200 labels. Please keep saving them and place them in Mrs. Bixenman's mail box opposite the church office.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Dr. Cline for his visits and prayers and to everyone for their cards, visits, and prayer during my recent hospitalization.

Mrs. Glenn (Lola) Miller

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD - February 8, 1977

Giving right at nearly budget level during January cut the Operating fund deficit from $2,640 to $1,665. Another $1,000 was paid from the Building Fund loan to Memorial Funds.

Approval was given for a plastering repair job by John Stifler at $239. The resignation of Steve Hall as representative to the Board from the congregation-at-large was received with regret because of conflict with present working hours.

Major discussion revolved around the proposed Capital Funds Appeal for Indiana for 1978-80. This item will come for a vote at a special Regional Assembly on Saturday, February 26 with the following of our congregation going to vote: Melanie Baugher, Harold Cline, Amelia Dare, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Edna Vaught, and Diana Wortley. The Present Proposal includes:

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN INDIANA		$1,100,000 - 50%
Indian Lake Improvements & Endowment	$500,000	
Development of New Congregations	385,000	
Permanent Funds for Salary Aid	200,000	
Research & Study for Special Care Housing	15,000	
CHRISTIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY		475,000 - 21.59%
Endowment for Indiana Chair of Biblical Studies and Scholarship Fund		
GENERAL MINISTRIES OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH		
Overseas Ministries	93,600	
Christian Unity		
Homeland Ministries		
National Benevolent Assoc.		
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CHORAL FESTIVAL (from page 1)
Dr. Cline will introduce our director, Sara Davis, and accompanyists, Jerry Zimmerman at the piano and Steve Hall on the guitar.

This worship through music replaces our usual Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M.

WEEK OF COMPASSION (from page 1)
ills, voice, security, dignity, hope pride.

Jesus said, "What man of you, if his son asks for bread will give him a stone or if he asks for a fish will give him a serpant?" Do you think if you were hungry your mother or father would give you a stone instead of a slice of bread? You know they would not. Yet there are many mothers and fathers who have no bread to give to their children. YOU can help them! Our heavenly Father needs YOU to help so that all may be given "our daily bread". Matt. 7:9

Week of Compassion giving is the world relief and development of the Christian Church and is a part of the One Great Hour of Sharing of many other denominations for the cooperative ministries.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. School of Christian Growth
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:30 P.M. Ecumenical Choral Festival, Waynedale UMC

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:30 P.M. Christian Ed. Comm.
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:30 A.M. The Fat Is In Your Head Group
12:00 Noon DMA POTLUCK AND PROGRAM, HUGH RICE WILL SHOW SLIDES ON POINTS OF INTERST IN INDIANA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:30 A.M. Understanding the O.T
7:00 P.m. Temple Trimmers
7:15 P.M. Understanding the O.T
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK, BABY FOOD, CANNED FRUIT, SUGAR, MUSHROOM SOUP

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP CAMP OUT

Going to Barbee tomorrow along with Dr. Cline, Mrs. Bixenman, Bruce Lehman, and Scott Rayl are Kim Campbell, Sherri Crist, Eric Jenkins, Scott Keebortz, Sheri Melchi, John Morris, Mai Pauley, Michele Reeves, Tim Sauerwein, Sonny & Laura Smyser, and John Wortley.

LADIES!!! SAVE TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 15! COME TO OUR MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET! DETAILS IN FORTHCOMING ISSUES OF TIDINGS!

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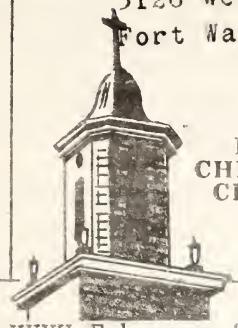

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26
12:00 Noon CYF leave for Retreat

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:30 P.M. Chi Rho outing
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. Edge of Adventure
5:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1
9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Martha Cole, 7430 U.S. 24 West
9:30 A.M. "Fat Is In Your Head"
7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2
9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Genevieve Ripple, 3405 Central
7:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Ruby Mowery, 6926 Premiere Dr.
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, church

THURSDAY, MARCH 3
9:30 A.M. U. O.T.
7:00 P.M. Temple Trimmers
7:15 P.M. U. O.T.
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

LOVE GOD AND LOVE NEIGHBOR

Our Sunday morning worships will be built around Jesus' response to the question of the first commandment "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Study for the sermon on the theme, "JESUS AS TEACHER" Mark 12:28-34; Mark 4:1-34; Mark 7:1-53.

Loving God with all that is within has many expressions. One is our physical presence and participation in worship. Another is our saying a good word about his life and style. Another expression of love is in giving to him for the work of ministry.

We have a definite and extra giving need this week. We have received the assessment for the improved lighting on Calhoun Street in the amount of $1,042.65. This is due on March 7. We need maximal regular giving for this.

Loving our neighbor as ourselves surely fits our Week of Compassion. We have received $684.02 to date. Give and push this over $1,000 this Sunday!

SERVING FEBRUARY 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and Margaret Love

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. S. Thompson, B. Lehman, E. Brown, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, D. Short, P. Norman, R. Jenkins, G. Falbe, M. Crouse, M. Finkhousen, M. Lehman

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, R. Chevalier

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Thompson-SW B. Lehman-NW

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher-SW, D. Short-NW, M. Finkhousen-SE, M. Lehman-NE

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bob and Marilyn Rayl

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. J. Jenkins

10:45 A.M. P. Bickel, S. Thompson, P. Campbell

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 778 Mrs. Cora Harnish

DEATH OF MEMBER: James B. Goins on 2/16/77. Sympathy is extended to his daughter and family.

THANK YOU:

We are so grateful for the cards, prayers and expressions of concern while Don was hospitalized. God's love does come in so many ways.

Don & Barbara Short

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This community observance sponsored by Church Women United will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, March 4 at North Christian Church.

DELAY IN MARCH BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 8 rather than on the 1st. Please plan to attend this meeting.

CALLING ALL ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

On March 5, there will be a rare opportunity for all elementary teachers and others interested to attend a workshop sponsored by the Associated Churches on interest centers in Christian Education. The cost will be $3.00 per person, with the church paying half. The event is being held at Forrest Park United Methodist Church. See Mrs. Bixenman before March 1 to register.

CHI RHO OUTING THIS SUNDAY

The Chi Rho group will have an outing this SUNDAY (not Saturday as previously announced.) to Blackman Lake. The group will be doing some nature hiking. We will leave after the second worship hour at 12:30. Please bring a change of clothing and some spending money. Call Scott or Bruce for more information.

NURSERY CRIB SHEETS: If you took some home to launder, please bring them back. They are needed!!!!

MARCH MONEY MANAGEMENT SESSIONS

Come for one or all of the Sunday evenings of March from 5:15 to 6:45 P.M. We are concerned for learning and growing in the stewardship of money and its wise usage as Christians in today's world.

MARCH 6 - BUDGETING AND PHILOSOPHY OF MONEY
Mark Akers and Ron Flickinger

MARCH 13 - LIFE INSURANCE AND INVESTMENTS
Charles Byrket

MARCH 20 - ESTATE PLANNING
Merle Grimm and John Harris

MARCH 27 - WILLS AND BEQUESTS
Andrew Cook and John Fleck

This is open to all members and friends for all four nights or for one special night of interest and need in your life. Changing Tax laws and possibilities for responsible and profitable money usage force all of us to keep tab on this issue. Plan now to attend!

EDU-CARE - AN ADVENTURE IN LEARNING - HUNTINGTON March 18 & 19

Three from our congregation attended the Educare event at French Lick in January and were most enthusiastic about it. We have a bit shorter, but much more available learning opportunity close at hand at Central Christian in Huntington on March 18 & 19. It opens with Friday night dinner at 6:00 P.M. and closes at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. Cost is $10 per person and the church will pay one-half. The cost includes the Friday night and Saturday noon meals. Enroll now by calling the church office or contacting Mrs. Bixenman or Dr. Cline.

Practical skills, resource training, and spirit motivation are available in many different areas for us so that teaching/learning responsibilities can be done better and with greater satisfaction in our church.

EVANGELISM led by Richard Rowland - Biblical concepts, the way evangelism happens, skills and methods for today.

UNDERSTANDING THE LEARNER IN TODAY'S WORLD led by John Hinant - A look at the learning in his/her present life and its relationship to the religious experience.

FAMILY MINISTRIES led by Bill and Peggy Crump - Will help participants become aware of some of the many areas of church family ministry and develop a working knowledge of methods of implementing this ministry.

PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION led by Don McCord - Includes examining planning tools geared to needs of your congregation and practice skills in putting programs into action.

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EDUCATION FOR MISSION led by Jim Powell - Includes examining the nature of mission and how can be communicated through local outreach and community action program.

ADULT MINISTRY led by Marilyn Moffett - Develop understanding of needs of adults and ways to respond to these needs in the church.

APPROACHES TO TEACHING THE BIBLE led by Sally Smith - Bible study to be used in different church settings.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY led by Barbara Carey - Insights into children and approaches to learning.

STEWARDSHIP led by Ted Hurst - Stewardship education, financial planning for families, using the Commitment Plan in churches.

YOUTH MINISTRY led by David Fischer - Planning for various settings for youth leaders (ages 16-22) and adult leaders of youth.

RENEWAL IN WORSHIP led by David Downing - Includes creative approaches to worship in congregation and small groups, methods of planning worship and opportunities for creating and experiencing worship.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND AT BARBEE - MARCH 18-20

Only three more couples can be included in our Marriage Enrichment program starting at 7:00 P.M. on Friday the 18th and ending at 2:00 P.M. on the 20th. George and Juanita Mendenhall of the Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren will lead. George is an ordained minister and Juanita is active in our community and state in family life. Presently enrolled are Mike & Debbie Brian, Dick & Barb Johnson, Ed & Rose Jenkins, Sam & Barb Hayes, Bob & Sharon Pauley, Carl & Beth Schwartz.

CYF TO AREA RETREAT

Melanie Baugher, Mike Campbell, Carol & Chad Cline, Clint Crowe, Anne Lee, Kathy Lee, Ken Taylor, and Diana Wortley plus adults Miriam Bixenman and Ralph and Judy Church will be participating in the Area I CYF Retreat at Barbee this Saturday and Sunday. Other youth interested in going should contact Mrs. Bixenman immediately! Our group will leave the parking lot Saturday at 12:00. Each should eat lunch before coming. Bring a sleeping bag and the usual items for an overnight.

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT, STRAINED BABY FOOD

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 5

Edwin Day	*Sylvia Smith*
Burl Feltenburger	*Monte Tobias*
Paul Girdner	*Josephine Weyer*
Velma Hechler	*Sandy Zimmerman*
Thelma Jackson	*Thomas Burkett*
Eileen Klepfer	*Mark Williams*
Judy Markley	*Nathan Love*
Ruth Plummer	*Iris Raybourn*
Tim Sauerwein	*Michael Young*
Lorraine Lesher	*Ruth Norton*

MARCH 11 IS THE RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR THE MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET. CALL RYCHIE SMELL OR THE CHURCH OFFICE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS Adults - $2.25, Children under 12- $1.25.

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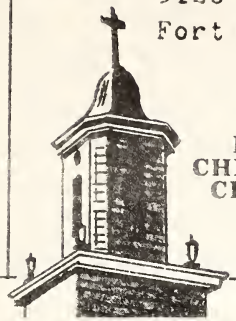

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 5
9:30 A.M. Chi Rho to Pokagan
3:00 P.M. FAW, Faith UCC, 10707 Coldwater Rd.
3:00 P.M. College & Career

SUNDAY, MARCH 6
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
4:00 P.M. Worship & Past. Rel.
5:15 P.M. School of Christian Growth
5:30 P.M. CYF (no Chi Rho)
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 7
10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Rose Jenkins, 4720 Beaver

TUESDAY, MARCH 8
9:30 A.M. The Fat Is In Your Head Group
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THURSDAY, MARCH 10
7:30 A.M. Understanding the O.T.
9:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor
7:00 P.M. Temple Trimmers
7:15 P.M. Understanding the O.T.
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

MONEY MANAGEMENT

We are having four open sessions on Money Management to help us all understand and grow as responsible Christians in this daily area of life. Laws and practices change and ways are available to make the most of our resources both for the glory of God and the usage of our lives. These are open sessions to which you are invited for one or all four weeks on Sunday evenings from 5:15 P.M. until 6:45 P.M.

MARCH 6 - BUDGETING AND PHILOSOPHY OF MONEY - Mark Akers and Ronald Flickinger
MARCH 13 - LIFE INSURANCE AND INVESTMENTS - Charlie Bryket
MARCH 20 - ESTATE PLANNING - Merle Grimm and John Harris
MARCH 27 - WILLS AND BEQUESTS - Andrew Cook and John Fleck

EDU-CARE EVENT

Plan now for growth in serving God through the church - register for one of these workshops experiences at Huntington on this coming weekend, March 18 & 19. Turn your

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SERVING MARCH 6

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Schilling and Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Cecil Rice

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, B. Pauley, M. Hartman, C. Church

10:45 A.M. E. Nordblom, R. Krull, D. Short, K. Taylor, A. Benny, G. Davis, D. Young, E. Conrad

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Church-NW, M. Hartman--SW

10:45 A.M. E. Nordblom-NE, D. Young-NW, E. Conrad-SE, D. Short-SW

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Merle Grimm - Marvin Crouse

Robert Rayl - Don Short

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ben and Val Taylor

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. L. Hartzler

10:45 A.M. S. Fleck, B. Hayes, K. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 351 Miss Peggy Page

PARKVIEW: 234 Mr. Lawrence Coleman

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Gerhard Brouer and family in the sudden death of his father, Fritz Brouer, in Germany just a week after the death of Gerhard's mother.

CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP

Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Graders will be going to Pokagan next Saturday, March 5. Come at 9:30 so all cars can leave parking lot no later than 10:00. The group will return by 5:00. If rides are needed call Scott Rayl 447-2345 or Bruce Lehman 432-3197

Bring spending money for the tobagan. Bring a sack lunch. We'll get drinks. No Chi Rho meeting on Sunday, March 6.

COLLEGE AND CAREER

8:00 P.M. this Saturday night, March 5 is an informal get-together with Steve Doles at the home of Bruce Lehman, 4110 Huth Dr. Come and bring others for this evening. Steve Doles will be with us on the weekends of April 1-3 and April 29-May 1.

FEBRUARY AVERAGES

Worship	259
Church School	118
Through-the-Week	61
Program Support	$2,169.17
Building Fund	250.75

THANK YOU NOTE:

Dear Dr. Cline:

I wish to thank you for calling on me during my recent illness. It did mean so much to me, also your prayers. Thank you for sharing the Lord's Supper with me. Please extend my thank you to your workers.

I am back home and do hope no more hospital.

May God Bless You

Cora Ann Harnish

CWF SPONSORS MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET MARCH 15

The evening of March 15 promises to be a highlight for the women of the church. That evening at 6:30 the Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held in Fellowship Hall. This event is for every woman in the church. There is no need to stay away because you don't have a mother or a daughter. Adopt someone or bring a friend or a group of friends! The program will feature several persons. Janet Weicker and her daughter, Kathy Graham will do a tribute to mothers and daughters. Miss Blanche Hutto will present a program of puppetry and Mrs. Ruby Taylor will speak on the Mother-Daughter theme. Tickets may be reserved at March group meetings, by calling Rychie Smell, 485-0148, or the church office. The deadline for tickets is March 11. Cost for tickets is $2.25 for adults and $1.25 for children under 12. Mrs. Amelia Dare is serving as chairwoman for the banquet.

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NEED FOR GIVING NOW!

Several unusual bills added to our regular expenses have caused a real shortage in cash for the church in spite of a peak giving level for these past two months. These special bills include:

INSURANCE PREMIUM	$2,018.75
RADIATOR REPAIRS	2,080.36
GAS BILLS OF:	1,108.06
	795.39
ASSESSMENT FOR CALHOUN ST. LIGHTING	1,045.65
	$7,045.21

We now have these last two bills on hand and they are due on March 7. We rejoice in the gas bill decrease reflecting cutting back on our heating. We call on all possible giving to be brought this Sunday or mailed by check to the office NOW!

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PRAYER TRIADS

We have had a core of people who have shared in intercessory prayer triads for six-month periods for the past year. We are making new assignments this Sunday. We are open to new participants. Call Dr. Cline if you have questions or desire to participate. Each person

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has two persons to hold in daily prayer and to make contact as a basis for prayer about every two weeks. Each person is held mutally in intercessory prayer by the other two persons.

Assignments will be made during Celebration Worship and a commissioning of these. A mailing will go to those not present this Sunday at 7:00 P.M.

WEEK OF COMPASSION

We look for and yearn for at least $210 more in this special annual giving this Sunday. We have received $790.02 to date and desire to go over the $1,000 mark. This is for hunger, relief, and rehabilitation for the hurting people of our world in programs all year long. These funds provide emergency relief in times of disaster within hours of the incident. Refugees are helped to personhood and self-sustaining work. Use the special envelopes or mark your envelopes for this cause for humanity in the name of Christ.

MARCH BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 P.M. next Tuesday, March 8. A special report will be given of the Special Indiana Regional Assemply of Feb. 26. Several actions are pending the judgment of committees and the Board. We need all officers, chair persons, and elected representatives on the Board.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
MARCH 6-12, 1977

Rocky Baugher	*Thomas Penny*
Lillian Busse	*Don Pomeroy*
Laurell Cole	*Lila Russell*
Maxine Day	*Sara Smith*
Geneva Ferguson	*Darvin Tomes*
Wendell Glass	*Vincent Wells*
Greg Heiney	*Miles Zimmerman*
Margaret Jenkins	*Marilyn Butler*
Connie Knight	*James Evans*
Laura Marks	*Suzette Lowenstein*

EDU-CARE (from page one)
name in with $5 and your choice of workshop to the church office or one of the pastors by March 8.

WORSHIP SUNDAY MORNING

With the coming of March may we allow the winds of March to blow us into regular worship free from snow, ice, and below zero temperatures. The Sermon for Sunday is "JESUS, FRIEND OF SINNERS" - Matthew 9:1-17 and Mark 2:1-12. Bring neighbors, guests, newcomers, friends to worship with you. Our positive invitation and concern is the greatest impact force to bring new people into our fellowship.

SEWING DAY AT THE CHURCH

The sewing day for the women of the church will be held March 31, Thursday, from 10:00 to 4:00 in Fellowship Hall. Bring "brown bag" lunch. This is a day for all women of the church whether in a CWF group or not.

USED STAMP PROJECT

$15,285 was neted from the Used Stamp Project during 1976. Bring used postage stamps and place in box in window ledge at foot of south stairway.

PANTRY NEEDS:

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 13
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. School of Christian Growth
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 14
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Ethel Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma

TUESDAY, MARCH 15
6:30 P.M. Mother-Daughter Banquet

THURSDAY, MARCH 17
9:30 A.M. Understanding the O.T.
6:30 P.M. Temple Trimmers
7:15 P.M. Understanding the O.T.
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 18
Marriage Encounter Weekend Begins
Edu-Care in Huntington begins

PANTRY NEEDS: CRACKERS, CANNED PEAS, CANNED SOUP, CANNED PORK & BEANS, SMALL BOXES POWDERED MILK, JELLO, NOODLES

WORSHIP CENTERS LIFE

We invite every member and friend to one or more of our three different worship opportunities this and every Sunday of Lent. We are moving toward the annual celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. We are trying to see Jesus' style for our discipleship of Him. Join with others in worship Sunday! Comments indicate meaning and significance among many who worshipped this last Sunday. Several found themselves humming and letting the words and tune of a song color the suceeding days. Worship assures us that we belong and find our deepest meaning with God.

"JESUS, A SERVANT" is the theme of the sermon by Dr. Cline this Sunday based on Mark 10:35-45 and John 13:1-38. Jesus says, "I am one among you who serves." This has tremendous remifications for our understanding and expression of life.

8:15 A.M. - MEDITATIVE WORSHIP
Come in the freshness of the morning enjoy quiet.

10:45 A.M. - DIVINE WORSHIP
Enjoy the larger corporate worship
Choir music leadership

7:00 P.M. - CELEBRATION WORSHIP
Interaction and caring - Praying

SERVING MARCH 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. William Franklin and Ross Harter

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. E. Place, K. Place, M.L. Hartzler, S. Rayl

10:45 A.M. B. Hendricks, J. Taylor, S. Schell, T. Frappier, C. Cline, H. Stevenson, S. Knuckles, R. Baugher

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, R. Chevalier

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler-SW, S. Rayl-NW

10:45 A.M. B. Hendricks-SE, T. Frappier-SW, C. Cline-NE, H. Stevenson-NW

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Ross & Betty Harter

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. B. Busse, J. Ott, B. Finkhousen

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 351 Ms Peggy Page

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET!

Call the church office or Rychie Smell for reservations by March 11. Adult tickets are $2.25 and tickets for children under 12 are $1.25. Adopt a mother or daughter if you don't have one! This will be an evening of fellowship, music, entertainment and inspiration. There will be something of special interest for children and adults on the program. Mrs. Amelia Dare is the chairwoman for the event. A special committee is working with her.

Won't you join us for a delightful evening among friends?

THREE RESPOND TO INVITATION

MR. and MRS. JOHN BRIGGS, and son TIM, 5807 Fernwood, 09 478-1012, identified with us in a transfer of membership from First Christian Church of Bowling Green, Ohio. We welcome this new family into our fellowship. John and Betty have bought the Blessing Shoe Service on South Calhoun and are operating it. John had also been a high school teacher of advanced math and physics in Ohio.

Tim is in the seventh grade at Kekionga and plays piano, guitar, and flute along with Scouting. Also in the home are Bob who is a fourth grader, Julie who is a second grader, and Betty's grandmother, Minnie Cunningham who will be 90 this summer.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
MARCH 13-19, 1977

Mabel Shinn	*Rosalie Jenkin*
Robert Young	*Eugene Klepfer*
Mary McAtee	*Mildred Marsha*
Vesta Allman	*Alice Nulf*
Lucille Branstrator	*Betty Briggs*
Ralph Church	*Raymond Sarraz*
Marvin Crouse	*Ina Smith*
Wilberta Edington	*Susan Thompson*
Frances Van Gordon	*Kenneth Wheato*
Herdis Helmuth	*Willis Wuthric*

MONEY MANAGEMENT SERIES - SUNDAYS 5:15 TO 6:45 P.M.

13 participated in the opening session last Sunday and we look for an increasing number each week. A month-long display is set up for this series in the Conference Room, No. 120. Come for one or all of these times to learn to use wisely the "green stuff" we use daily.

March 13 - LIFE INSURANCE & INVESTMENTS - Charlie Byrket
March 20 - ESTATE PLANNING - Merle Grimm & John Harris
March 27 - WILLS & BEQUESTS - Andrew Cook & John Fleck

EDUCARE EVENT AT HUNTINGTON - MARCH 18 & 19

As of writing we have four signed up to go - Miriam Bixenman who is coordinating the event along with Ingrid vonBuchler, Ruby Cline, and Steve Harter. Call the office today if you would join these for this valuable learning experience on Friday evening and Saturday just a week away.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND AT BARBEE - MARCH 18 & 19

This event opens at 7:00 P.M. on Friday and concludes at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday after the noon meal. George and Juanita Mendenhall are the leaders for the event. Registrants currently are Jack & Pam Bickel, Mike & Debbie Brian, Ed & Rose Jenkins, Dick & Barb Johnson, Bob & Sharon Pauley, Carl & Beth Schwartz. Three additional couples could attend if registration is received by Sunday noon the 13th. Cost is $14 per couple plus helping with food.

LEAD PROGRAM - MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Miriam Bixenman, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, and Harold Cline will be with teams of four from 13 other churches for three weekends this spring - March 31-April 2, April 15 & 16, and April 22 & 23 in Indianapolis for special training. They will utilize a membership study including worship participation of these first three months of 1977 of our congregation. This is a pilot program to find Disciple reaction to a program developed in another denomination. All three of our Disciple churches in Fort Wayne are involved in this pilot testing of this program. These four participants will be making follow-up contacts out of this experience for eight months among our membership.

WOW! THANKS FOR THE GREAT GIVING!

Last week, we outlined the immediate needs and the heavy drain on the cash flow of the church in recent weeks. People responded! Our total deposit for the week was $3,996.58 of which $3,412.53 was Program Support for Mission and Ministry of what we have traditionally called budget giving. Thus the special bills and the regular ones for the first Sunday of the month were all covered. Thanks to all for giving and for those who might have included extra!

We also rejoice that our special Week of Compassion giving hit the $1,000 mark in its final Sunday! During 1977 we also add $125 from our regular giving each month for Week of Compassion. Thus we as a congregation will again be totalling $2,500 for this excellent ministry of help to a needy world in the name of our Lord. Thanks for all who have shared in this special giving and those who enable it regularly through Program Support for Ministry and Mission!

On the basis of our December Commitment Program and facing the dire needs, the Board and congregation during January set a total projection of $115,792 for Proposed Ministries of our congregation for 1977. The goal requires $2,227 weekly in such giving. We have now had 10 Sundays into this year and our giving is averaging $2,265! This is wonderful that our faith and commitment is expressing itself on target! Let us all rejoice and be glad for this achievement to date! All are invited to help continue our congregation forward with such strength!

The need for continuation of the strong start on giving for 1977 is evident in these realities which we are still facing. Yes, we have passed some major bills both expected and unexpected which has caused a heavy cash drain. This has caused our Property section of the budget to exceed anticipated needs by $2,048 (We spent $5,331 for building against budgeted projections of $3,283). This is coupled with the fact that our operating fund begin 1977 in the red to the amount of $2,640. Thus we ended February in the red by $3,537. We rejoice that other spending was held down to hold up with the extra property cost. We are determined to move out of the red. Thus we need every regular and special dollar of giving for basic support of our congregational life and witness.

Thanks for generous giving! We can look forward with confidence to the one hurdle remaining!

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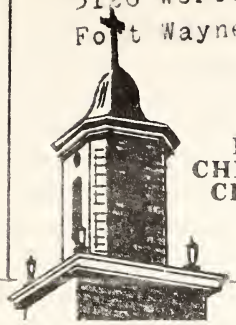

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
Educare Workshops, Huntington
FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY
Marriage Encounter Weekend
SATURDAY, MARCH 19
3:30 P.M. CYF Play Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. College & Career, Barb Love, 5911 Salisbury
SUNDAY, MARCH 20
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. School of Christian Growth
6:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
MONDAY, MARCH 21
10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:30 P.M. CYF Play Rehearsal
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
TUESDAY, MARCH 22
9:30 A.M. Fat Is In Your Head
12:00 Noon DMA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
9:15 A.M. CWF Executive Committee
THURSDAY, MARCH 24
9:30 A.M. Understanding the O.T.
6:30 P.M. Temple Trimmers
7:15 P.M. Understanding the O.T.
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

"JOINING CHRIST IN CREATING"

This Sermon for Sunday morning begins a series of four sermons dealing with our participation in the aliveness of Christ through mystery of creation, incarnation, redemption on the cross, and resurrection. Hear this sermon, "JOINING CHRIST IN CREATING", this Sunday at 8:15 or 10:45 A.M. Worships. In preparation, struggle with Genesis 1 & 2, Psalms 8, John 1:3, Acts 17:28, and especially Colossians 1:15-17.

Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M. will deal with the chapters, "Jesus Christ and Faith" and "The Mystery of Creation" from CHRIST IS ALIVE by Michael Quoist. It will also provide opportunity for interaction on the morning sermon.

As we quickly move toward Easter Sunday, may we diligently be present weekly in worship and bring family and friends with us regularly!

PANTRY NEEDS:
NOODLES, SMALL POWDERED MILK, SMALL PEANUT BUTTER, JELLO, CRACKERS

SERVING MARCH 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Fred Smell and Cecil Rice

10:45 A.M. Ross Harter and Janet Weicker

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. B. Lehman, D. Keebortz, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. D. Short, R. Krull, G. Falbe, M. Crouse, M. Finkhousen, M. Lehman, E. Nordblom

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW, D. Allen-SW

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-SE, G. Falbe-SW, M. Crouse-NE

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Ralph Church - Rocky Baugher

Glenn Miller - Jim Taylor

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bev Hendricks and Susan Thompson

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ross & Betty Harter

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. A. Newman, B. Short, C. Cline

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Jerry Zimmerman and family in the death of his father, R. Earl Zimmerman, on March 10. Memorial Services were held on Sunday the 13th with the theme, "Celebrate Life."

COLLEGE & CAREER

The College & Career Group will meet this Saturday evening at 8:00 P.M. at the home of Barbara Love, 5911 Salisbury. All are invited.

DMA TO LINCOLN MUSEUM

The DMA will meet on Tuesday, March 22, at the church for a pot luck luncheon at 12:00 noon, with Fred and Rychie Smell and Jefferson and Mildred Young as hosts. Following the meal, we will go to the new Lincoln Life Building to visit their recently remodeled Lincoln Museum. Come, bring a covered dish and your table service.

PAPER DRIVE

The Chi Rho Fellowship will be sponsoring a spring paper drive on Saturday, March 26. Any donations of newspapers will be appreciated. Please bring papers to the church and place them on the stage before that date. If you need pickup of papers, call Bruce Lehman (432-3197), Scott Rayl (447-2345), or Miriam Bixenman at the church office.

GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN BIBLES

We now have the new shipment of the gold cover Bibles in the "Good News For Modern Man" version in the church office. Those who ordered additional copies of this translation of the full Bible may pick them up anytime. They will be on sale during coffee hour this Sunday for $2.50.

CYF PLAY PROPS NEEDED!

The CYF needs 3 lb. coffee cans and Campbell Soup cans. Bring to office or to Youth Lounge.

SIGNIFICANT BOARD ACTIONS OF MARCH 8, 1977

On the recommendation of the Worship & Pastoral Relations Committee the following three motions were approved:

1. The hiring of Valerie Williams as a Summer Intern for 1977.
2. The hiring of Steve Doles as a Summer Associate for 1977.
3. The scattering of Maundy Thursday Communion Worship in various homes across our community on Thursday, April 7, 1977, at 7:30 P.M. All elders and deacons are asked to be present at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, March 28 for a meeting in order to receive assignments, materials, and instructions for Maundy Thursday.

Resignation letters were received with regret from Tom Frappier and also from Pat Norman. The Frappier family has decided on a church home nearer their location.

Upon recommendation of the Lay Personnel Committee, Mary Lou Hartzler was elected a representative to the Board from the congregation-at-large to fill the unexpired term of Steve Hall through June, 1978. The committee also presented the slate which will be the basis of the election at the annual congregational dinner meeting in May.

Upon the recommendation of the Education Committee the following items are approved for addition to the Standing Building Equipment list, namely,

1.	Triple (6 cribs) stacking crib unit	$ 316.80
	Single (2 cribs) stacking crib unit	113.40
	8 mattresses @ 11.35	90.80
	8 sheets @ 2.90	23.20
		544.20
	Changing Cabinet	29.05
		573.25
2.	Housekeeping Equipment for 2 & 3 year old room	213.85
3.	Rocking Boat (Toddler's Room)	51.80
4.	Driving Bench	62.50
5.	Right Angle Climber & Slide	64.50
6.	Double Rocking Horse	52.50
7.	Large Plastic Tinker Toys	27.50

Report was made concerning the approved Indiana Capital Funds Program for 1978 to 1980 totaling $2,508,000. It was approved at the Special Regional Assembly on February 26 by a vote of 298 to 209.

Development of Indian Lake	$608,000	26.34%
($358,000 Property Improvement; $250,000 Endowment)		
Development of New Congregations	375,000	16.68%

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BOARD ACTION FROM PAGE 3

Permanent Funds for Ministerial Subsidy	$ 15,000	0.65%
Endowment of Christian Theological Seminary	475,000	20.58%
General Units Capital Needs at Home & Abroad	625,000	27.08%
Campaign Costs	200,000	
TOTAL EFFORT	$2,508,000	

Bill and Margaret Love were added to the Ad Hoc Committee concerning the possibility of a new Disciple congregation in Greater Fort Wayne. George Bruckman, Steve Harter, and Dr. Cline are continuing members from the earlier two meetings.

YOUTH REACH OUT

Last weekend, Melanie Baugher, Chad and Carol Cline participated in s special session of the Indiana CYF Commission at Sheridan. This weekend Melanie and Carol are participating in the Youth Conference at Taylor University.

CUC CLASS PLANS PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Christians Under Construction Class announce a Progressive Dinner to be held the evening of April 2. Come, join us for an evening of good food and fellowship. Call Pam Bickel, 456-7496, by March 28 if you plan to attend.

CHI RHO TRIP SUNDAY

The Chi Rho will leave shortly after Divine Worship on Sunday for Blackmon Lake. Bring older clothes for the outing and money to buy Sunday lunch. The Chi Rho will return at 6:00 P.M.

SOUP LABELS NO LONGER NEEDED

Thanks to those who contributed soup labels for projects at the Cleveland Christian and Woodhaven Homes. The projects are completed now and the labels are no longer needed.

HOUSING FOR STATE YOUTH

We are hosting the Spring CYF Event for Indiana on April 29 & 30. We expect 250 to 400 youth and counselors. We need homes for sleeping Friday night and to provide Saturday breakfasts. The youth will bring sleeping bags so free beds are not necessary. Some needs will be needed for counselors, however. Will you decide how many you could host, do you prefer boys or girls, how many beds are included, and how many you can handle from 2 to a maximum of 10? Call the church office 744-3239 or Judy Church 447-5691.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
MARCH 20-26, 1977

Karen Buzzard	*Judith Ferguson*
Wayne Phillips	*Dorothy Green*
Richard Lytle	*Robert Hendricks*
Kathleen Simons	*Mildred Jewell*
William Bolton	*Tom Knuckles*
Dorothy Williams	*Laura Manes*
Pat Bennett	*Ruth Ogles*
Melford Busse	*Elinor Place*
Martha Cole	*Gail Roe*
Shirley Dibble	*James Shirley*

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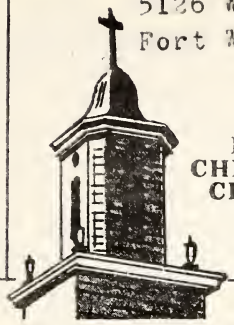

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 26
9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive
3:30 P.M. CYF Play Rehearsal

SUNDAY, MARCH 27
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. School of Christian Growth
6:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 28
7:30 P.M. Play Rehearsal
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
7:30 P.M. Elders, Deacons, & Deaconesses meet to prepare for Maundy Thursday

TUESDAY, MARCH 29
7:30 P.M. Fireside Group, Watsons' 4044 S. Monroe

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30
7:30 P.M. Ad-Hoc Committee on New Congregation in Ft. Wayne

THURSDAY, MARCH 31
9:30 A.M. Understanding the O.T.
10:00 A.M. Sewing Day
6:30 P.M. Temple Trimmers
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir and Men's Chorus

TELL ME

"Tell me, God, in ways I can't help but understand how you're in my life!
Cut out the "sugar and syrup' kind of words, because they're not what I'm looking for!
It's not tea-time chatter I'm searching to find, but some solid concepts I can sink my teeth into.
I need to know about you with the same sort of certainity that I know my income tax will be coming due.
You see, it's facts I need, about you, about your power, about changes you can make in my life.
So, tell me please, God!
Because I need you so badly.
Without you I die.
Away from you I shrivel as a leaf in the hot sun.
So please tell me where to look for you in my life!
But remember!
In words and ways I can understand.

Roger C. Eigenfield in
ALIVE NOW May-June, 1975

SERVING MARCH 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dean Widler and Glenn Miller

10:45 A.M. Robert Johnson and Merle Grimm

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley, M. Hartman, C. Church, M.L. Hartzler

10:45 A.M. R. Krull, S. Hayes, K. Taylor, A. Benny, G. Davis, D. Young, E. Conrad, B. Hendricks

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-NW, M. Hartman-SW

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-NW, K. Taylor-SW, A. Benny-NE, G. Davis-SE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Peg Buskirk and Rosemary Krull

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mildred Hartman & Mildred Hutchinson

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee

10:45 A.M. C. Busse, C. Akers, N. Hendricks

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN 773 Mr. Cecil Rice

PARKVIEW 417 Mr. James Hirschy

CYF PLAY PRACTICE

Nena Lucas is directing the CYF in preparations for a play presentation during April. They are rehearsing on Saturdays at 3:30 P.M. and Mondays at 7:30 P.M.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS

Our sincere thanks to all for the prayers, cards, and other support given to us during the illness and death of Jerry's father.

Jerry & Sandy Zimmerman

ATTENDED CONFERENCES:

We had our people in various growth activities this past weekend: In Marriage Encounter led by George & Juanita Mendenhall were: Jack & Pam Bickel, Mike & Debbie Brian, Ed & Rose Jenkins, Dick & Barb Johnson, Bob & Sharon Pauley, and Carl & Beth Schwartz. At the Taylor University Youth Conference with Steve Doles were Melanie Baugher and Carol Cline. Participating in the South Bend Faith at Work Conference were Jenny Taylor, and Dean & Elsie Widler. In the Educare Event at Huntington were Miriam Bixenman, Peg Buskirk, Ruby Cline, Steve Harter and Ingrid von Buchler.

LIVING THE ADVENTURE AT BARBEE

The group coming out of Sunday Night Living the Adventure experience will have a 24 hour retreat at Barbee this Friday night and Saturday. Going are Mel Busse, Ruby Cline, Marlene Crouse, Karen Elkins, Sharon Pauley, Dean & Elsie Widler.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

Bring papers to the church building up to 9:00 A.M. this Saturday. If pick up is needed call Bruce Lehman (432-3197), Scott Rayl (447-2345), or Miriam Bixenman at the church office. All sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are needed at 9:00 Saturday to help with the papers!

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED MEAT, SOUP, CANNED PEAS & CORN, SMALL PEANUT BUTTER, CRACKERS, P. MILK

MONEY MANAGEMENT SERIES FINALE

"Wills and Bequests" will be the topic under consideration this Sunday evening from 5:15 to 6:45 P.M. in the closing session of this profitable series. John Fleck, an attorney, will make a presentation and answer questions. Andy Cook will preside. Audio-Visual materials will tell some of the story. Questions will be answered about our Program for Wills, Bequests, and Memorial Gifts as a congregation. Wills often need updated and can be improved to determine a most responsible and Christian perspective concerning those things which are left.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY, APRIL 3 - PALM SUNDAY - Special accent in each of the regular worship hours, 8:15 and 10:45 A.M., and 7:00 P.M. DECISION DAY!

THURSDAY, APRIL 7 - MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION - We will list homes where this service will be held across our community next week. All elders and deacons and deaconesses are needed at 7:30 P.M. Monday, March 28 for a preparation session on Maundy Thursday.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8 - GOOD FRIDAY - Our congregation will join with others at Grace United Church of Christ at Lexington and Webster from 12:30 to 3:00 to share in a service built on the Seven Sayings from the Cross. There will be 22 minute sections of this service when you are free to come and go.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 - EASTER SUNDAY - The resurrection of Jesus triumphant in love and life will be featured at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

REGISTER FOR GROWTH EVENTS

HOOSIER FAITH AT WORK CONFERENCE - 4:00 P.M. Friday, April 22 until 12:00 noon on Sunday, April 24 at Memorial Union on IU Campus in Bloomington. Leadership Team includes: Joe Bishop of New York, Mur Carrington of Washington, D.C.; Bob Herlong of Georgia; Dale Fift of Pittsburgh and Gary Demoarest of California. Steve Doles is song leader.

FESTIVAL OF HOPE - 7:15 P.M. Thursday, May 19 to 12:30 P.M. Saturday, May 21 at Holiday Inn at O'Hara Airport in Chicago. "Walk Into the Future" under the leadership of Bruce Larson, Lyman Coleman, Keith Miller and Lloyd Ogilvie.

BROCHURES AND REGISTRATION FOR BOTH EVENTS IN CHURCH OFFICE.

WATER! WOMEN! WORLD!

This special project of our CWF to provide wells in other parts of the world has now passed the first well and is on its second. $372 has been received to date. The deadline is June 15, 1977. Any interested person desiring to give can turn in money to Janet Weicker, Andy Benny, or Sandy Zimmerman. Sandy will share during Worship this Sunday about this need and program.

TIDINGS COPIES NEEDED!

For binding and other usage we are needed the following past issues of THE TIDINGS:

3 copies of Nov. 17, 1976
2 copies of Jan. 7, 1976
1 copy of August 14, 1975

Please bring to the church office, mail to office, or place in box of Barbara Short outside office.

MEN'S CHORUS TO REHEARSE ON THURSDAY

The Men's Chorus will rehearse with the Chancel Choir this Thursday at 7:30 P.M.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL IS VERY IMPORTANT! SUNDAY, 4:00 P.M.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
MARCH 27 to APRIL 2

Kenneth Allen	*Rebecca (Banet) Patton*
James Bramel	*Tim Briggs*
Pamela Clark	*Gary Parkerson*
Mabel Cross	*Doris Richard*
Kathryn Eich	*Elva Sheets*
Henry Flowers	*Necia Stucker*
Gary Hall	*Martha Warner*
Gladys Hoop	*Nancy Wortley*
Delores Keebortz	*Lee Crowell*
Bert Leversee	*Opal Heller*

LIBRARY NOTES!!

Typing and work is taking place in order to have our Library in full operation in its new location. Two items need attention NOW!

1. If any person has a church library book at home, please return it to the church, or the Library fireplace ledge.

2. Typists are needed. Schedule yourself by signing on the Library door or by calling Tana Harter 747-4328, or the church office. Helping recently with this work has been Irene Current, Andrea Benny, Pauline Horn, Karen Flickinger, Connie Wells, Judy Church, Pat Norman, Pam Bickel, Ramona Ketner, and Laura York.

WORSHIP OPPROTUNITIES

Faith Lutheran Church at 1700 East Pettit has invited any interested persons to a multimedia presentation of "The Life and Faces of Christ" at 7:30 P.M. Wednesday, March 30, or 7:30 P.M. Sunday, April 3.

Simpson United Methodist Church has invited us also to a dramatization of Leonardo Da Vinci's "LAST SUPPER" at 7:30 P.M. on Sunday, April 3, by their drama group.

SUNDAY'S SERMON
"INCORPORATING CHRIST IN OUR HUMANITY"
John 1:14, I John 1:1-5,
John 15:1-15; 17:20-26,
Ephesians 1:3-10, 4:11-16,
II Corinthians 5:11-21.

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PALM SUNDAY WORSHIPS

BOTH MORNING HOURS

Sermon - "Dying to Self in Christ" - John 12:32; Galations 2:19, 20; Colossians 1:24-3:17; Mark 15:21-39; Romans 6:1-11 & Romans 8:1-18, Dr. Cline, preaching

Worship Assistant - Steve Doles will be sharing this weekend and leadership.

Youth Bell Choir - Our Bell Choir directed by Mel Busse will play an arrangement of "Jesus Christ, Superstar."

8:15 A.M. MEDITATIVE WORSHIP

Begin the day with worship with an accent on quietness - silent meditation and more traditional songs and expressions of our faith.

10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

Children's Choir directed by Susan Jones singing, "Little Grey Donkey" for Palm Sunday theme.

Chancel Choir singing "The Holy City" with Becky Stucky as soloist.

7:00 P.M. CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Intercessory Prayer and Sharing - Focus on "Thy Mystery of Redemption" from CHRIST IS ALIVE - Sing Time with Steve Doles and Guitar.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIPS

We will celebrate the institution of the Lord's Supper in 22 homes - Read page 3 for this listing. Join in this meaningful experience!

SOUTH FORT WAYNE GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIPS

12:30 to 3:00 P.M. at Grace United Church of Christ at Lexington and Webster. This is a traditional service with a focus on the Seven Sayings from the Cross. Persons are free to come and go at 22 minute intervals. Our Church is sharing in the fourth saying.

SERVING APRIL 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Robert Rayl

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Janet Weicker

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. E. Place, K. Place, S. Rayl, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. J. Taylor, S. Schell, C. Cline, H. Stevenson, S. Knuckles, R. Baugher, D. Short

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Place-NW, E. Place-SW

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles-NW, R. Baugher-SW, D. Short-NE, S. Schell-SE

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Mark Snyder - Max Finkhousen

Ben Taylor - Bob Pauley

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Steve and Tana Harter

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. P. Bickel

10:45 A.M. A. Benny, M. Baugher, L. Wiley

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 773 Mr. Cecil Rice
596 Mr. Arthur Mowery

ST. JOSEPH: 515 Mrs. Rosemary Krull

PARKVIEW: 417 Mr. James Hirschy

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Almeda Rice and family in the death of her brother in Florida on Friday, March 25.

EASTER EGG HUNT PLANNED

The Easter Egg Hunt for children fourth grade and below will be Saturday, April 9, from 10:00 to 12:00. Lunch will be served.

FOUR RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MR. and MRS. DANIEL A. FLICKINGER, 5340 Old Mill Road 07, 744-2939, identified with us in a transfer of membership from First Wayne Street United Methodist Church. Dan and Jo operate the Flickinger Industries which they began in 1955. They are the parents of Ronald Flickinger of the congregation and also have a married daughter in the Pittsburgh, Pa. area and a son in Portland, Oregon.

MRS. TOM YORK and her son, GARY 6003 Arlene Ave. 16, 447-1284 expressed decisions. Laura in a renewal of commitment and transfer from First Baptist Church. Gary in primary confession of faith and will be baptized on Easter Sunday evening. Laura's husband is a druggist at Hooks in Decatur. Gary is a ninth grader at Harding. Laura also has a younger son, Tony who is a fifth grader. Laura is a sister of Sharon Pauley of the congregation.

We rejoice in these decisions and pray for others to be expressed during Holy Week. If there are questions, please contact Dr. Cline.

MARCH AVERAGES

Church Worship	286
Church School	148
Through-the-Week	55
Program Support	$2,187.24
Building Fund	236.34

March Additions:

John, Betty, & Tim Briggs
Daniel & Jo Flickinger
Laura York & Gary

PANTRY NEEDS: PEANUT BUTTER, POWDERED MILK, NOODLES, CRACKERS,

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

All our members and friends are urged to participate in one of the 22 Maundy Thursday Communion Worships at 7:30 P.M. Thursday, April 7. Our elders and deacons and deaconesses will be leading. A basic format will be used for this worship including Bible interaction and communion at each location. Bring Bibles for this worship!

1 - (04, 07)	Rocky & Lee Baugher	3002 Thompson	456-3128
2 - (04)	Sam & Barb Hayes	1535 Glendale	432-3015
3.- (04)	Robert & Ruth Ogles	3322 Rosewood	432-3969
4 - (05, 02)	Robert & Inez Petty	3721 Kirkwood	484-4686
5 - (05, 467-)	Ed & Sue Allen	3705 Blue Grass	485-3007
6 - (15)	Charlie & Armela Newman	7914 Imperial Plaza	485-4178
7 - (25)	Mrs. Harriett Weaver	6221 Sharon	489-3623
8 - (06)	Mrs. Irene Cline	129 E. Lexington	745-9380
9 - (06, 03)	Bernie & Pat Norman	3617 Reed St.	456-7335
10 - (06)	Jim & Becky Stucky	4212 Wayne Trace	447-3826
11 - (06)	Mrs. Ramona Ketner	5332 Sherrill	447-2629
12 - (16)	Mrs. Coleen Wilcoxson	630 E. Burns Blvd.	440-1831
13 - (16)	Ennis & Virginia Brown	4810 Tillman Rd.	447-1637
14 - (07)	Mrs. Mary Cook	323 W. Oakdale	456-4930
15 - (07)	Mrs. Dorothy Schmidt	219 W. Sherwood	456-8066
16 - (07)	Don & Valetta Parlette	4006 Tacoma	456-5747
17 - (07)	Dean & Elsie Widler	553 Candlelite	744-1031
18 - (08)	Calvin & Leotha Jones	1727 N. Highlands	426-0192
19 - (09)	Mrs. Ruby Cline	5705 Fernwood	747-6587
20 - (09, 467-)	Ed & Rosalie Hall	3406 McArthur	747-5423
21 - (19)	Hugh & Gwynth Rice	7001 Premiere	747-2662
22 - (19)	Mrs. Linda Johnstone	2208 St. Louis	747-7779

CWF SACRIFICIAL LUNCHEON

Tuesday, April 2 is the date for the CWF Sacrificial Luncheon. The luncheon will be preceeded by a short business meeting at 11:30 A.M. in the Church Parlor. Child Care will be provided beginning at 11:30. Please bring a lunch for your child.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

3:30 P.M. CYF Play Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. CUC Progressive Dinner begins at Wileys, 1817 Buckskin
8:00 P.M. College & Career at Ingrid vonBuchler's 7506 Ideal #19

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. Edge of Adventure
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 4

10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Ramona Ketner, 5323 Sherrill Dr.
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
7:30 P.M. CYF Play Rehearsal

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

9:00 A.M. Higdon Group, Bernice Montgomery, 716 Archer
9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Mary Cook, 323 W. Oakdale
11:30 A.M. CWF Sacrificial Luncheon
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Genevieve Ripple, 3405 Central
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Ardith Wrisk, 259 E. Sherwood Terr.
7:30 P.M. College & Career Study Group, Ingrid vonBuchler, 7509 Ideal #19

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

7:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Communion in homes (see page 3)

PLANS - ALL CHURCH FAMILY BAZAAR

Enlistment is underway for this event scheduled for November 18 & 19 in Fellowship Hall. Please help by volunteering time and talents. Turn in the volunteer slips which have been circulating before April 18. Call Karen Flickinger 747-6832 or Andy Benny 447-9887. Men are desired for committees! Church School teachers are encouraged to have special projects.

Some want to help and don't know just how. Craft classes will be scheduled for some who will be willing to learn.

Special help is now needed for Toy Shor, Booth Arranging, Games, Clean-up, Kitchen cooking & serving babysitting, and advertizing. Andy and Karen are pleased with the many who have signed up for Craft Shop, Bake Shop, and Needle Shop. Turn in forms or call today!

COLLEGE & CARREER

Fellowship Meeting - Saturday, April 2 at 8:00 P.M. with Ingrid vonBuchler, 7506 Ideal, #19. Call 747-4976 for directions. 40 minutes of Serendipity activity plus a possible bowling time!

Book Study Group - The first session will be Wednesday, April 6 at Ingrid's. Will be six sessions using book, WHY AM I AFRAID TO TELL YOU WHO I AM? by John Powell.

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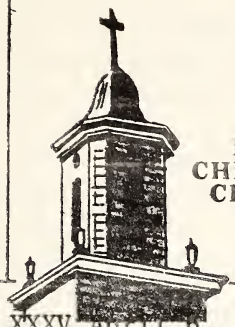

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"HE IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!"

"Lift up your heads, ye sorrowing ones,
And be ye glad at heart,
For Calvary and Easter Day,
Earth's saddest and gladdest day,
Were just three days apart."
(Copies from Guideposts)

CELEBRATE THE VICTORY OF LIFE ON EASTER SUNDAY

EASTER WORSHIPS 8:15 A.M.; 10:45 A.M.; 7:00 P.M.

WORSHIP IN SONG - Our Chancel Choir will sing both morning hours "Sing and Rejoice" by James and "Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs" by Handel The Women's Chorus will sing "Hallelujah" by Telemann.

WORSHIP WITH BELLS - Our Youth Hand Bell Choir directed by Mel Busse will be playing both morning hours that which had been announced for Palm Sunday from "JESUS CHRIST, SUPERSTAR."

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD - Dr. Cline will be preaching "JOINING IN THE VICTORY OF LIFE" Prepare by studying Psalms 118:14-24; I Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 24:1-11.

RSHIP THROUGH GIVING - Our special Easter offering will be received in Church School classes and in the special Easter envelopes.

RSHIP THROUGH COMMUNION AND DECISIONS - Our center of worship is when we meet our Lord at His Table - He is the living Lord! New life comes when we open and allow him to enter and live and grow within each of us and through us!

SERVING APRIL 10

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Glenn Miller and William Schilling

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and Bert Leversee

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. D. Allen, B. Pauley, D. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. R. Jenkins, G. Falbe, M. Crouse, M. Finkhousen, M. Lehman, E. Nordblom, R. Krull

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW, B. Pauley-SW

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen-SW, M. Lehman-NE, E. Nordblom-SE

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Delores Keebortz & Russ Wortley

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Delores Keebortz & Marge Lehman

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. P. Norman, N. Lucas, B.S. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 596 Mr. Arthur Mowery
628 Mrs. Grace Tharp

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED: To Mrs Connie Wells and family in the recent death of her nephew last week in Ohio.

BELL CHOIR MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE!

All Bell Choir members who are playing in Sunday morning worship hours should be in the choir room no later than 7:40 A.M. Sunday morning!

PANTRY NEEDS: P-NUT BUTTER, CRACKERS, SOUP, SMALL POWDERED MILK, NOODLES

CYF PLAY - "IF CHRIST CAME DOWN" (WHAT WOULD HE SEE??)

There will be two performances of this satirical drama given by the CYF. One performance will be April 15 at 7:30 P.M. The second performance will be April 17 at 7:00 P.M. Directed by Mrs. Nena Lucas, this drama will help us see ourselves and perhaps laugh at ourselves too! A Free-will offering will be received and refreshments will be served following the play. Plan to come and bring your friends--you will all enjoy it! Rated SG (Spiritual Guidance recommended!)

NEED FOR GIVING

Actual Property Expenses for the first quarter were $8,002 against budgeted funds of $4,925.00. When this is coupled with our operating deficit of $2,640 on December 31, is is easy to see how we are currently in the red $4,201.67 as of March 31. We need all possible giving for Program Support or basic operational costs. We have held much spending down to not be in a worse condition. We need all gifts large and small!

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt for children fourth grade and below will be this Saturday, April 9 from 10:00 to 12:00. Lunch will be served.

NEW SHORT-TERM COURSE

Dr. Cline will begin a four-week course, FINDING CHRIST, this Sunday, April 10 at 9:30 A.M. in the Library. Anyone is welcome.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

JOIN ONE OF THE LISTED GROUPS BELOW FOR THIS SPECIAL BIBLE STUDY AND COMMUNION EXPERIENCE IN HOMES! Designated leaders will be assisted by other deacons and deaconesses. Bring Bibles and come to share in the fellowship with Christ and an intimate group for an "upper room" experience.

DESIGNATED LEADERS	HOST HOMES	ADDRESSES	PHONE
George Davis	Rocky & Lee Baugher	3002 Thompson	456-3128
Joe Wiley	Sam & Barb Hayes	1535 Glendale	432-3015
Harold Cline	Robert & Ruth Ogles	3322 Rosewood	432-3969
Mark Snyder	Robert & Inez Petty	3721 Kirkwood	484-4686
Fred Smell	Ed & Sue Allen	3705 Blue Grass	485-3007
Glenn Miller	Charlie & Armela Newman	7914 Imperial Plaza	485-4718
George Bruckman	Mrs. Harriett Weaver	6221 Sharon	489-3623
Miriam Bixemman	Mrs. Irene Cline	129 E. Lexington	745-9380
Rolland Ripple	Bernie & Pat Norman	3617 Reed St.	456-7335
Bob Pauley	Jim & Becky Stucky	4212 Wayne Trace	447-3826
Ralph Church	Mrs. Ramona Ketner	5232 Sherrill	447-2629
Andrea Benny	Mrs. Colleen Wilcoxson	630 E. Burns Blvd.	440-1831
Robert Hendricks	Ennis & Virginia Brown	4810 Tillman Rd.	447-1637
Robert Johnson	Mrs. Mary Cook	323 W. Oakdale	456-4930
Barbara Short	Mrs. Dorothy Schmidt	219 W. Sherwood	456-8066
Mildred Hartman	Don & Valetta Parlette	4009 Tacoma	456-5747
Dean Widler	Dean & Elsie Widler	553 Candlelite	744-1031
Ross Harter	Calvin & Leotha Jones	1727 N. Highlands	426-0192
Steve Harter	Mrs. Ruby Cline	5705 Fernwood	747-6587
Bert Leversee	Ed & Rosalie Hall	3406 McArthur	747-5423
William Love	Hugh & Gwynth Rice	7001 Premiere	747-2662
Margaret Love	Mrs. Linda Johnstone	2208 St. Louis	747-7779

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIPS

12:00 to 3:00 P.M. at Grace United Church of Christ at Lexington and Webster. You are invited for part, parts, or all of this worship built upon the Seven Sayings from the Cross. Meditation, Prayer, Scriptures, and Music will be led by the participating congregations.

12:00 Noon John Tobian "THE WORD OF INTERCESSION" Luke 23:24-34
12:32 P.M. Dick Steiner "THE WORD OF AUTHORITY" Luke 23:35-43
12:56 P.M. Russ Dawson "THE WORD OF REMEMBRANCE" John 19:23-27
1:20 P.M. Harold Cline "THE WORD OF LONELINESS" Mark 15:29-34
1:44 P.M. Lael Dixon "THE WORD OF SUFFERING" John 19:28-30
2:08 P.M. Marvin Deerhake "THE WORD OF VICTORY" John 19:29-37
2:32 P.M. Olden Mitchel "THE WORD OF REFUGE" Luke 23:44-49

Child Care will be provided at the church for infants and small children.

(continued on page four)

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIPS (continued)

7:30 P.M. at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 4700 S. Anthony Blvd., a drama, "THAT NIGHT I CRIED" will be presented cooperatively by the southside churches. It is a dramatic parable for Good Friday. Charm and humor help build this heartwarming and heartbreaking story as seen by a young woman reflecting on her childhood. The inevitability of the crucifixion is portrayed in the symbolism of a contemporary setting.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

10:00 A.M. Easter Egg Hunt
3:30 P.M. CYF Play Rehearsal

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

8:15 & 10;45 A.M. Morning Worships
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 11

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Maude Donahue, 2724 Hoagland
7:30 P.M. Guild, Lorea Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw
7:30 P.M. CYF Play Rehearsal

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

9:30 A.M. Understanding the O.T.
7:15 P.M. Understanding the O.T.
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
APRIL 10-16, 1977

Margaret Beachley	Karen Elkins
Debra (Allen) Connerly	Anita Fountain
Myrtle Hendrick	Cora Harnish
Diane Morris	William Howard
Emily (Weicker) Walton	Jessie Keller
Ray Mathis	Sarah Likens
Dennis Andrew	Dorothy Morris
Lillian Breeden	Don Parlette
Edna Clark	David Rinker
Marlene Crouse	James Sands

FAT IS IN YOUR HEAD GROUP

The group that has been using Charlie Shedd's book, THE FAT IS IN YOUR HEAD, will resume meeting regularly on an every other week basis on Tuesday, April 12. The group will go on for an indefinite time, as long as a need is felt. Beginning with the April 12 meeting, we are inviting any others who would be interested in such a group to join us. The cost for newcomers is $5.00.

EASTER GIVING

With Easter comes new hope in the risen Christ. Natur's rebirth is also a joy to behold. May joy be yours this Easter morning.

Our Easter offering to be received this Sunday, April 10, supports the work of the whole church beyond our own congregation.

Dear Friends:

Please accept our grateful thanks for the generous gift from Jerry and Sandy's friends at your church.

The presence of Christ as expressed through loving friends and family is sustaining us at this time. Sincerely,

Clara Zimmerman & family

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 15
7:30 P.M. CYF Play
SUNDAY, APRIL 17
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:15 P.M. Edge of Adventure
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho
7:00 P.M. CYF Play
MONDAY, APRIL 18
10:00 A.M. Study Group
TUESDAY, APRIL 19
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20
7:30 P.M. College & Career Book Study, Schellie Schell 236 Rexford
THURSDAY, APRIL 21
9:30 A.M. Understanding the O.T.
7:15 P.M. Understanding the O.T.
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:
CANNED SOUP, OATS, PEANUT BUTTER
SMALL POWDERED MILK, CRACKERS,
NOODLES

LIBRARY OPENS IN NEW ROOM THIS SUNDAY, ROOM 130. VISIT BEFORE OR AFTER EITHER WORSHIP HOUR.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:

Thank you for the worship of last Sunday! It was good to see the responsiveness of our people and friends! We appreciated the music of our choirs! I was thrilled and moved by the Avery and Marsh song, "Every Morning Is Easter Morning From Now On". Easter is a triumphant message which needs to become the motivating foundational stone of our beings. Surely God is praised and honored when this happens in our lives!

As we move towards Pentecost, I am moving into a series of sermons on the Holy Spirit. My aim is not just understanding, but the experiencing of the power and work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our congregation. During these seven weeks, I would invite serious study of Jesus' promist of the Spirit in John 14, 15, 16; the dynamic expression of the Spirit in the Church in the whole book of Acts; and in the essay on spiritual gifts in I Corinthians 12, 13, 14. Specific texts for Sunday's sermon, "REDISCOVERING THE HOLY SPIRIT" are Acts 11:1-8, Acts 2:1-21; John 16: 8-10

GOD BLESS YOU ALL

Harold E. Cline

SERVING APRIL 17

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Steve Harter and William Franklin

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman, C. Church, E. Place, K. Place

10:45 A.M. S. Hayes, K. Taylor, A. Benny, G. Davis, D. Young, E. Conrad, Bev. Hendricks, J. Taylor

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman-SW, C. Church-NW

10:45 A.M. S. Hayes-SW, D. Young-NW, E. Conrad-SE, B. Hendricks-NE

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Fred Smell, Steve Harter, Scott Rayl

COFFEE HOUR HOST

Carole Overmyer

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. Arruza

10:45 A.M. B. Schwartz, S. Fleck, D. Wortley

MEMBER TO HOME:

James M. Hirshy is now residing at Golden Years Homestead, 8300 Maysville Road, 15, Room 111.

ALL CHURCH FAMILY BAZAAR

The volunteer sheets for this event in the fall are asked to be turned in to Andrea Benny or Karen Flickinger by next Monday, April 18!

EASTER OUTREACH OFFERING

$770.30 has been received to date for our special Easter Outreach Offering. Will others help to make this total up to $1,000?

EASTER SUNDAY

Worship	504
Church School	172
Program Support	$2,496.23
Building Fund	286.00
Easter Offering	687.30

We thank the Chancel Choir and the Youth Bell Choir for their excellence in helping to lead worship on Sunday morning both hours! It was a glorious worship day in the life of First Christian!

CALL FOR "NOW HYMNAL"

15 copies of "NOW HYMNAL" are missing and need to be returned to the choir room or to Sara's box opposite the office. Look for these. The pastor would also request the return of borrowed books of his. He recently became aware that a valued book, "CHRIST AND THE FINE ARTS" was gone from his books. Return borrowed books and music!

THANKS TO SISTER CONGREGATIONS

The West Creighton Church recently brought 23 food items for our Pantry! Then we also received 101 food items from North Christian! We thank these congregations for helping provide food for the Pantry ministry in conjunction with referrals from the Welfare Department.

HOSTING REGIONAL YOUTH EVENT - APRIL 29 & 30

200 to 400 youth of grades 9-12 are expected on Friday evening, April 29 starting with registration at 6:00 P.M. and ending at 4:00 P.M. on Saturday the 30th. We desire that all of our youth participate along with many of our adults helping with food and housing. "HUNGRY FOR HIS WORD" is the theme of the event for inspiration, enlightenment, and fellowship.

A central feature of the event will be 3½ hour Creative Bible Study Workshops in which a Bible Story will be studied and applied through a special interest. Workshops will share with the total group of youth and counselors. All registrants are to sign up for first and second choices for the workshops which include Slides, Photography, Balloon, Banner, Collage, Instrumental, Chorale, Clowning, Drama, Sculpturing, Creative Writing, Mural, Tissue Mosaics, and The Word Made Flesh.

REGISTRATION

All youth of grades 9 to 12 need to turn in $2.50 immediately along with their Workshop preferences. Turn in your money and preferences to Ralph and Judy Church or Dr. Cline or the church office as soon as possible. Get the workshop of your preference by early registration.

FOOD

The Saturday noon meal will be served by our CWF. The money received from registration for the dinner will go for limited costs and be used to provide one or more wells for the WATER, WOMEN, WORLD Project. All families of the congregation are invited to help prepare food. Dishes should serve 8 to 12 persons. Call the church office, 744-3239, with your offer to help! (A meat dish, a casserole, a vegetable, a salad, a dessert.) Cookies will also be needed for snack on Friday night. We need your help through food preparation and donation!

HOUSING

We are asking for homes for the youth and counselors to stay. Youth will bring bed rolls. Notify the office if you have any available beds and how many you could care for to a maximum of 10 in any home using floor space also. Youth will need picked up at 10:30 on Friday evening, served a breakfast, and returned to the church by 9:00 A.M. on Saturday.

SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

One vital part of our Christian Education Program for youth entering grades 5 through 12 this fall is the summer Camp and Conference Program. There are a wide number of opportunities from which selection can be made. The bulk of our youth will likely be in the following weeks listed below.

Registration forms can be secured from the office or Dr. Cline or Mrs. Bixenman. We have a deadline of May 1 with the Hazel Green Work Camp. Costs are listed with each event--the church will pay one-half and the other half needs to be returned with the registration.

CAMP 5 & 6 for those entering grades 5 and 6 at Barbee July 18-22. Fee - $46. Mrs. Miriam Bixenman is director. Steve Doles will be a counselor.

CAMP 7 & 8 for those entering grades 7 & 8 at Barbee, July 11-16. Fee - $46. Morris Finch is director. Val Williams will be a counselor.

CAMP 7 & 8 for those entering grades 7 & 8 at Barbee, July 25-30. Fee - $46. Don McCord of West Creighton is director.

9 & 10 CONFERENCE for those entering grades 9 & 10 at Barbee, July 31 to August 6. Fee - $50. Jim Powell is director. Val Williams will be a counselor.

11 & 12 CONFERENCE for those entering grades 11 & 12 at Barbee, August 7-13. Fee - $50. Drexel Rankin is director. Steve Doles will be a counselor.

HAZEL GREEN WORK PROJECT for those entering GRADES 10, 11, & 12 Fee is $30. We are allowed FIVE participants to go with Steve Doles. This will be a first-come, first-serve basis for participation.

DRAMA - FRIDAY AND SUNDAY

Come at 7:30 P.M. Friday or 7:00 P.M. Sunday to see "IF CHRIST CAME DOWN" which will be presented by our CYF. There will be a free-will offering and refreshments following the play. Nena Lucas is director.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - APRIL 17-23, 1977

Earl Snouffer	Robert Neal	George Davis
Anna Tracey	Patricia Wetzel	Winnie May Ferguson
Lillie Whitby	Stephanie Mollenhour	Ada Greider
Pauline Auer	Eric Baugher	Clarence Hendrickson
Julia Cooke	Marilyn Byers	Leon Johns
Kathy Graham	Robert Coleman	Doris Koehlinger
Thomas Mathis		Thomas Ogles

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CHURCH CALENDAR

UNDAY, APRIL 24
:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
:00 P.M. Chi Rho
:15 P.M. Edge of Adventure
:30 P.M. CYF
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

ONDAY, APRIL 25
:00 P.M. Outreach & Service Committee
:30 P.M. Christian Education Committee

UESDAY, APRIL 26
:30 A.M. The Fat Is In Your Head Group
2:00 Noon D.M.A.
:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee
:30 P.M. Membership Committee
:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Meditation

EDNESDAY, APRIL 27
:30 P.M. College & Career Book Study Group, Ingrid vonBuchler, 7509 Ideal, #19

HURSDAY, APRIL 28
:30 A.M. Understanding the O.T.
:15 P.M. Understanding the O.T.
:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED SOUP, OATS, PEANUT BUTTER, SMALL POWDERED MILK, CRACKERS, NOODLES

"The Power of the Holy Spirit is for those who in faith, abandon all they know of themselves to all they know of God and spend themselves in unrelenting love from then on, being the will of God whereever they are planted."

This quotation of Lee Phillips was used in the first of seven sermons on the Holy Spirit. Last Sunday's sermon was built on "Rediscovering the Holy Spirit"--experiencing the Presence of the Holy Spirit, Enabling by the Power of the Spirit, and Enhancing by God's Love being expressed.

An assignment was given for the coming weeks: READ: John 14-16; Acts 1-28 (whole book); I Corinthians 12-14; and I John 1-5 (whole book). PRAY: For the Spirit to fill and grow within oneself and within the life of our Christian community.

The sermon for next Sunday is "THE HOLY SPIRIT MAKES A NEW PEOPLE". Read John 3:1-11; I Corinthians 12:3 and Galatians 5:19-23.

Much positive was expressed of last Sunday's worship - join us this week

SERVING APRIL 24

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Fred Smell and Ben Taylor

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and Robert Hendricks

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler, S. Rayl, B. Lehman, D. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. S. Schell, C. Cline, H. Stevenson, S. Knuckles, R. Baugher, D. Short

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, R. Chevalier

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler-SW, S. Rayl-NW

10:45 A.M. C. Cline-NW, H. Stevenson-SW

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rose Jenkins

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Tom and Susan Knuckles

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. B. Hayes, B. Busse, P. Campbell

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran;

693 Mrs. Alyce Fuchshuber

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Charlene Craig and family in sudden death of her husband, John, last Tuesday the 12th. John had been active here until he was transferred to Indianapolis in 1959.

To Virginia Bruckman and family in the death of her uncle in Indianapolis early Sunday morning the 17th.

D.M.A. DINNER AND TOUR

All retirees and senior citizens are invited for a pitch-in meal next Tuesday the 26th at 12:00 Noon. After the dinner, the group will go to the new Lincoln Museum at Lincoln National Life Building. Come and share the fellowship of the dinner and tour!

CHI RHO YOUTH

All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to meet at the parking lot to leave promptly at 5:00 this Sunday evening to go to Fox Island. The group will return at 6:45 P.M.

RECITAL ON SATURDAY, MAY 7

Rebecca Stucky will be giving a varied recital of religious, classical, and popular music at 7:30 P.M., Saturday, May 7, in our Worship Nave. Sara Davis will be accompanist. There will be a free-will offering in behalf of the Choir Fund for new robes.

MEMORIAL BOOKS GIVEN

The Fellowship Guild has given our church library two National Geographic Society books, EVERYDAY LIFE IN NEW TESTAMENT TIMES and GREAT RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD in memory of Mrs. Elaine J. Conrad. These memorials are appreciated and will be most useful as they are used by Library patrons.

HAZEL GREEN WORK CAMP

Youth registrations are needed by May 1 for this event for five of our youth to join Steve Doles. The week is June 12-18. We need $15 and your filling out of the registration form.

SIGNIFICANT BOARD ACTIONS OF APRIL 5, 1977

Dean Widler reported from a continuing group out of a "Living the Adventure" group of a year ago. This group asked the Board for recognition and encouragement in their sense of call to become a "Retreat Enabling Group" within the life of our congregation. This recognition was granted by the Board.

12:15 P.M., Sunday, May 22, was set for the annual congregational dinner and meeting. The annual church election will be held, other congregational business, Frank T. Springer will report on our special Capital Outreach Gift of a year ago, and new members will be special guests.

The resignation of Joe Wiley as Chairman of Evangelism was accepted with regret.

The Board authorized the Property Committee to bring back a recommendation including the additional library room equipment presented by the Education Committee. The includes a small bookcase for Bibles, Encyclpedias, Reference Books and also a magazine rack for periodicals. Cost is $168.00 and 184.50 for preferred equipment.

A special report was given by Mildred Hartman, Miriam Bixenman, Harold Cline concerning the LEAD PROGRAM which they and Mildred Hutchinson are participating in for our congregation. This is a national pilot program dealing with theology and psychology and communication regarding the working with persons who once were active in congregational life and have moved now to inactive status. They were in training sessions March 31, April 1 & 2 and will attend April 15 & 16 and 22 & 23. They have assignments of utilization between these sessions and for an eight month period following in order to test this program for Disciple usage. 45 persons from 11 congregations are involved in this training program led by Tim Savage of New York and Ken Mitchell of California. The following date was compiled during the preparation period

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION OF RESIDENT MEMBERS DURING JANUARY THROUGH MARCH'77

	No. of Persons	Percentage of attend.
Active Members	307	51.6%
Moving Toward Active	24	6.0%
Special Care and Homebound	52	6.2%
Moving Toward Inactive	129	1.0%
Totally Inactive	148	0.0%
Percentage of Worship attendance by these members		61.3%
Total Weekly Worship Attendance Average		258

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BOARD ACTIONS (from page three)

The treasurer's report showed an operating fund deficit of $4,201.67 at the end of March. Property expenses for the three months were $8,002.85 against budgeted allotment of $4,925.00. Our operating fund dipped further into the red from the $2,640.04 as of January 1 to the current desperate need of $4,201.67 as of 3/31/77.

The quarterly Memorial and Special Funds Treasurer's Report showed income of $117.00 from Memorial Gifts and $770.17 in investment earnings. The report indicated balances of $49,518.80 in permanent funds and $3,791.30 in spendable accounts.

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HEAR CHURCH LIBRARIAN!

The Library is open after many hours of devoted labor by many workers. On behalf of the church family, I'd like to thank the following persons for responding to the need they recognized:

Andy Benny, Pam Bickel, Judy Church, Irene Current, Karen Flickinger, Betty Grimm, Barb Hayes, Polly Horn, Rose Jenkins, Ramona Ketner, Pat Norman, Inez Petty, Almeda Rice, Nila Schilling, Connie Wells, and Laura York.

On a personal note, I'd publicly like to thank Steven, Chris, and Kasey for the sacrifices they endured for the sake of this project. From hasty suppers to long hours at the church, I could not have invested my time without my family's support.

It has been said, "give a man a fish and you feed him a meal. -- Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." These books can be enabling and growing for our lives--they await your use. Come to Room 130!

Tana Harter

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH!

To Richard & Susan Thompson, daughter, Laurel Amy, born on 4/1 77. Congratulations also to th maternal grandparents, Charlie Vivian Atwood.

NEW CYF COUNSELORS

Mel and Barbara Busse are joining Ralph and Judy Church as CY counselors. Much thanks goes t the CYF for the drama, IF CHRIS CAME DOWN, presented twice las weekend. Special praise goes t the hard working director, Nen Lucas!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
APRIL 24-30, 1977

George King *Ruth Neal*
Mark Lehman *Lucille Overby*
Ruby Mowery *Wanda Benya*
David Pence *Laura York*
Ethel Shroyer *Eunice Conrad*
Stephan Taulbee *Arlene Downes*
Delmas Young *Raymond Finton*
Jay Bixenman *Florence Griffith*
Jack Flaugh *Mary Higgins*
Deanna Rosenberry
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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY and SATURDAY
CYF Regional Event

SUNDAY, MAY 1
8:15 and 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MAY 2
10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Val Taylor, 5215 Werling

TUESDAY, MAY 3
9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Ruth Ogles, 3322 Rosewood
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian-Med.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Judy Church, 5126 Werling
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Connie Wells, 735 Poplar Ave.

THURSDAY, MAY 5
9:30 A.M. Understanding the O.T.
7:15 P.M. Understanding the O.T.
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: SMALL P-NUT BUTTER, POWDERED MILK, NOODLES, CANNED SOUP, CRACKERS

"There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, filling us with your love. And for these blessings we lift our heart in praise; Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place."

Sing this expressive song of the Spirit with Steve Doles leading during worship this Sunday. It follows our Easter to Pentecost theme. These are not mere words but expressive of some experiences and reactions of people to worship these last Sundays.

Sunday's sermon by Dr. Cline is "THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS MATURITY." Read John 14:12-26, John 15:26, 27 and Romans 8:5-17, 26, 27.

May the vibrations of our Regional Youth Event of Friday and Saturday be felt among us as we gather for Sunday Worship!

SERVING MAY 1

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Rayl and Ross Harter

10:45 A.M. Margaret Love and Robert Hendricks

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. D. Allen, S. Thompson, B. Pauley, M. Hartman

10:45 A.M. R. Jenkins, G. Falbe, M. Crouse, M. Finkhousen, M. Lehman, E. Nordblom, R. Krull, S. Hayes

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Thompson-SW, D. Allen-NW

10:45 A.M. R. Jenkins-SW, G. Falbe-NW, M. Crouse-SE, R. Krull-NE

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Robert Hendricks - Ken Taylor

Bill Franklin - Ken Place

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rose Jenkins

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. J. Ott, A. Newman, K. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 666 Mrs. Delores Overmyer
387 Eric Eastin

PARKVIEW: 343 Mr. Josea Siples

ST. JOSEPH: 709 Mrs. Winnie May Ferguson

DEATH OF MEMBER

Mrs. Grace Tharp, a member since 1922, died on Saturday, April 23. Sympathy is extended to her son, Bueford Tharp, and family.

THANKSGIVING FOR CHILDBIRTH & DEDICATION OF PARENTS

We are having this semi-annual service at 10:45 A.M. on Sunday, May 8. Interested families should contact the church office by May 4.

MEMBERS ON LAY WITNESS MISSIONS

Marlene Crouse, Sharon Pauley, and Val Taylor served as children's workers at the Lutheran Church in Hoagland last weekend.

Lee and Melanie Baugher were on a team at the Zanesville Methodist Church coordinated by Ray and Sharon Fredericks.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Michael and Jacqueline Weaver, a son, Cory Michael, on 4 18/77. Paternal grandmother is Doris Bushey.

WEDDINGS BY PASTOR:

Randall James Bickford and Linda Faye LaFever on 4/9/77. They are residing at 2106 S. Hoagland.

Jerry D. Hosier III and Cathy Jeanne Rooney on 4/23/77. They are residing at RR #1, Box 185, Decatur, IN 46733.

THANK YOU

Thank you for calls, prayers, and expressions of concern during my hospital stay and especially the calls by Dr. Cline, Miriam Bixenman and Steve Doles.

Art Mowery

HOSTING REGIONAL CYF SPRING EVENT

Our Indiana CYF Youth will gather in our building this Friday afternoon and evening for a one day event. We have 14 youth registered and 7 leaders from our congregation in a registration right at 225 as of Monday morning. Accent will be upon 13 creative Bible Study Workshops. Ken Feit, a former Jesuit, is the keynoter through clowning--he verbally, non-verbally, and extra-verbally tells stories, celebrates life and death, focuses community, proclaimes the word, heals the powerless, and is alive to a sense of wonder, mystery and paradox.

Melanie Baugher is currently Regional President and Carol Cline is a nominee for vice-president. Other youth registered are: Pat Campbell, Dan Church, Clint Crowe, Bruce & Steve Grimm, Rhonda Hyndeman, Anne Lee, Kathy Lee, Necia Stucker, Ken Taylor, Diana Wortley, and Gary York. The adults are Mel & Barbara Busse, Ralph & Judy Church, Miriam Bixenman, Harold Cline, and Steve Doles.

In addition to the various hosting responsibilities of the above, we are aware of a large number of our people assisting. Will you check to make sure we have down correctly your help in this program? IF YOU ARE HELPING AND NOT LISTED, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. IF YOU ARE LISTED AND CANNOT FULFILL IT, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE!

FRIDAY EVENING SNACK (Serving): L. Finkhousen, B. Hendricks, N. Wortley.
COOKIES OR CAKES FOR FRIDAY EVENING SNACK (Have to church by 9:00 P.M.)
L. Baugher, A. Benny, M. Bixenman, M. Byers, J. Church, H. Futterer, B. Grimm, V. Jaworskyj, M. Lehman, M. Linn, E. Nordblom, C. Overmyer, G. Ripple, N. Schilling, E. Shroyer, S. Skelton, S. Smith, E. Whitton, R. Yentes, L. York.

HOUSING (Be at the church at 10:30 P.M., provide breakfast, and return youth to church building by 9:00 A.M. on Saturday.)
Ed Allens, Baugher, Benny, Bickel, Bixenman, Briggs, Mel Busses, Church, Harold Clines, Irene Cline, Collins, Conrad, Grimm, Hartman, Ross Harters, Steve Harters, Hartzler, Helmuth, Hunt, Ed Jenkins, Klepfer, Richard Lees, Love, Newman, Nordblom, Pauley, Place, Plummer, Hugh Rices, Rueger, Arza Smith, Marshall Smiths, Snyder, Jim Stuckys, Ben Taylors, Watson, Wells, Wiley, Wortley, Jerry Zimmermans.

SATURDAY NOON MEAL (Bring food by 10:00 A.M. in disposable or well-marked dishes. Pick up dishes in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning.)
SERVERS: A. Benny, B. Busse, R. Jenkins, R. Ketner, C. Lee, M. Newman, B. Schwartz, B. Short, B. Stucky, V. Taylor, P. Tobias, C. Wells, S. Zimmerman.

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HOSTING REGIONAL CYF EVENT (from page three)

MEAT DISHES or CASSEROLES: A. Ashe, L. Baugher, A. Benny, P. Bickel, Lillian Breeden, D. Bushey, J. Church, R. Cline, E. Crowell, I. Current, R. Fusselman, R. Jenkins, D. Johnson, E. Klepfer, M. Love, C. Lee, M. Leversee, B. Harter, L. Hunt, M. Newman, C. Overmyer, S. Pauley, E. Place R. Plummer, G. Rice, V. Taylor, P. Tobias, G. Truby, S. Watson, J. Weicker, E. Widler, N. Wortley, S. Zimmerman.

SALADS: C. Akers, P. Buskirk, M. Byers, E. Conrad, I. Cline, J. Crowe, S. Davis, L. Finkhousen, H. Futterer, B. Hayes, B. Hendricks, S. Jones, D. Keebortz, F. Kenline, C. Knight, S. Knuckles, D. Rinker, J. Rueger B. Stucky, L. Wiley.

VEGETABLES: L. Baugher, Linda Breeden, M. Byers, A. Dare, M. Hartman, T. Harter, B. Hendricks, M. Hutchinson, N. Lucas, E. Nordblom, B. Stucky, N. Wortley, S. Zimmerman.

DESSERTS: M. Bixenman, Linda Breeden, B. Briggs, D. Brian, B. Busse, C. Collins, M. Cook, K. Flickinger, B. Grimm, M. Hogg, M. Jenkins, R. Krull, C. Lee, M. Linn, R. Mowery, E. Nordblom, L. Orr, J. Ott, G. Ripple B. Schwartz, B. Short, S. Skelton, I. Smith, P. Snyder, S. Watson, G. Wells, H. Williams.

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THANK YOU

The Christian Education Committee wishes to express appreciation to the following persons, who helped with the annual Easter Egg Hunt: Irene Current, Beverly Johnston, and Delores Overmyer, who colored the eggs; Tana Harter, Melanie Buagher, and Pat Norman, who made cookies; CYFer's Melanie Baugher, Dan Church, and Ken Taylor who helped with the hunt itself; Pat Norman, Andrea Benny, and Tana Harter who helped serve the meal. Elinor Place and Miriam Bixenman who provided salads; and all parents who helped during the hunt itself. Jerry Zimmerman, chairman of the Christian Education Committee, was in charge.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
MAY 1-6, 1977

Cindy Hunt Moriarty
Mary King
Jan Babbs
August Mueller
Wayne Penny
John Roush
Viola Sievers
Barbara Taylor
Jerry Warner
Mildred Young
Julie Burkett
Alpha Piercy
Donald Rosenagle
Ethel Birkhold
Clevajean Case
Andrew Cook
Miles Driver
Hazel Firestone
David Griggs
Carolyn Hendricks

APRIL AVERAGES

Worship	399
Church School	154
Through-the-Week	31

Program Support	$2,322.40
Building Fund	248.27

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 7
7:30 P.M. Recital

SUNDAY, MAY 8
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MAY 9
1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Florence Palmer, 2625 N. Wells
7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Amelia Dare, 4527 Lafayette Esp.

TUESDAY, MAY 10
9:00 A.M. Higdon Group, Grace Truby, 440 Englewood Ct.
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11
7:30 P.M. College & Career Study Doris Ballard, 2510 Lake Ave.

THURSDAY, MAY 12
9:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor

SATURDAY, MAY 14
9:30 A.M. CWF May Breakfast

PANTRY NEEDS: SOUP, SMALL P-NUT BUTTER, NOODLES, CANNED VEGETABLES (PEAS, BEETS, CARROTS), TUNA

GREETINGS IN CHRIST

I want to say a big word of appreciation to our First Christian folk. Many comments were received concerning the fine meal, housing arrangements, facilities, and preparations for the Regional CYF event! 266 were registered with an attendance of 250 for all sessions representing 39 congregations. Congratulations to our youth who asked and worked for this Event! Thanks to all who assisted in the many ways of hosting! We salute our Melanie Baugher who was president for this year and to Carol Cline who was elected vice-president for the new year!

Mother's Day has been a traditional day for strong worship participation. Our semi-annual service of presentation and dedication of parents with young children will be held at 10:45 A.M. The Morning sermon continues on the Holy Spirit. The title is "THE HOLY SPIRIT OVERPOWERS LIFE". Read Acts 8:15-17; 10:1-48; 19:1-6; I Corinthians 13, 14, 15.

"Lift your eyes and see his face and his grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever." See you Sunday.

Harold E. Cline

SERVING MAY 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ben Taylor and Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Robert Johnson and Rolland Ripple

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. C. Church, E. Place, K. Place, M.L. Hartzler

10:45 A.M. K. Taylor, A. Benny, G. Davis, D. Young, E. Conrad, B. Hendricks, J. Taylor, S. Schell

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Place-SW, K. Place-NW

10:45 A.M. J. Taylor-SW, S. Schell-NW, A. Benny-SE, K. Taylor-NE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Carole Lee and Andrea Benny

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bill and Margaret Love

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee

10:45 A.M. B. Short, C. Busse, B. Finkhousen

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 247 Mr. Fred Smell
622 Tamara Thompson

METHODIST (Indianapolis) Mr. Jack Gerrard

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH: To Bob & Susie Lowenstein, a daughter, Wendy Ann, born on 4/8/77. Maternal grandmother is Laverne Hunt.

PICK UP SERVING DISHES

Serving dishes from last Saturday and from earlier kitchen leavings are out on tables in Fellowship Hall. **Pick up during the week or on Sunday by the 15th! Any left without names will be in garage sale.**

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

MICHELE DEVORE REEVES, the daughter of Larry and Suzanne Reeves, 805 Ardis Drive, 09, 747-0700, made her confession of faith and was baptized on Sunday afternoon. Michele is a seventh grader at Miami and has interests in reading, swimming, publications, and her dog. She has a younger brother, Tim. Shortly, she will be moving with her family to Los Angeles.

THANK YOU!

"I wish to thank those who have so kindly remembered me with cards, telephone calls and visits. It was so nice to be in church services on Sunday.

Mrs. Ross Firestone

"Thanks for the cards, prayers, and expressions of sympathy after the death of my uncle."

Virginia Bruckman

Dear First Christian Friends,

Everyone has been so very kind, sending cards, flowers, food, and expressing sympathy. We especially appreciated Dr. Cline's prayers with us. We are so grateful for everything.

In Christian love,
Charlene Craig & family

NELSON GROUP GARAGE SALE

The Nelson Group is having a Garage Sale on June 2, 3, & 4 at the Nordblom garage, 5319 Fairfield. If you have things to donate, they may be stored now at the garage. Proceeds are for CWF work.

ALL-CHURCH DINNER - MAY 22, 12:15

(see article on page three)

CRAFT CLASSES FOR BAZAAR

The following people will teach craft classes for the November bazaar. If you are interested in learning a craft, please call the teacher listed below. There is no cost for the class other than for materials used. The item you make will be donated to the Bazaar but you can take the idea home! Be sure you call the teacher so there will be enough supplies for everyone. Other craft classes will be listed later. Anyone else wishing to teach a class call Karen Flickinger or Andy Benny.

1. KNITTING (hats) - Margaret Love - 744-1615 Tues. mornings at church May 10, 17, 24
2. CHROCHETING (beginners) - Beth Schwartz - 445-9383 - starting Tuesday May 10 at church; probably two sessions
3. BURLAP PURSES - Elsie Widler - 744-1031 - starting after May 15; Friday afternoons.
4. NEEDLEPOINT - Karen Flickinger - 747-6832 - June 1 and June 8, 9:00 A.M. at church; third session later for framing; half cross stitch only.
5. PATCHWORK & QUILTING - Beth Schwartz - 445-9383 - beginning June 7, Tuesday evenings.
6. CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - Miriam Bixenman - 744-3239 starting in June.
7. CERAMICS - Ethel Flowers - 432-1654 - starting June 23, Thursday afternoons.
8. MACRAME - Pauline Horn - 747-5623.

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CHURCH LIBRARY OPEN

Use the Church Library during Church School or before and after each worship hour. Come and browse ahead of meetings or just stop in during the day.

Missing from the Library are THE ART OF UNDERSTANDING YOURSELF by Cecil Osborne and THE ART OF LOVING by Eric Fromm. Return these and any other library books which you might have accidently carried off before they were refiled and checked.

SATURDAY NIGHT RECITAL

A special recital featuring Rebecca Stucky will be held at 7:30 P.M. this Saturday, May 7, in the Worship Nave. The selections will include classical, religious, and poplar music. In addition to Becky, Sara Davis will do some soloist work and be an accompanist. Jerry Zimmerman will be an accompanist. Donations will be received for the Choir Robe Fund. Come and bring guests!

Child Care will be provided for young children.

AREA CAMP RALLY

We are hosting a rally for youth you will be entering grades 5-12 next fall to spark interest in and provide information about summer camps and conferences. We will be hosting youth from 6 area churches. Our own youth are needed to serve as hosts. A series of slides from last summer's camps and conferences will be shown. (You might see yourself on the screen if you went last summer!) A light supper will be served (cost: $1.00) and there will be recreation, singing, and worship, besides the slide presentation. Marlene Crouse and Mel Busse are assisting Miriam Bixenman in this event. Peggy Buskirk, Irene Current and Nancy Wortley are serving the meal. Sign up with youth sponsors or the church office if you plan to attend.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
MAY 8-14, 1977

Harley Meadows	*Joseph Overmyer*
Ruth O'Laughlin	*Natalie Urich*
Marie Pritchard	*Janice Murray*
Bill Schilling, Jr.	*Andrea Benny*
Charles Speicher	*Arlynn Call*
Grace Truby	*Chloe Conner*
Dean Widler	*Maude Donahue*
Harold Bingham	*Robert Finkhousen*
Robert Crouse	*Jeannette Grier*
James Hirshy, Jr.	*Brenda Lee Hiatt*

These persons are prayed for each Sunday evening during Celebration Worship for the week assigned. Four are prayed for during each of the five daily staff prayer times. Some persons include these for prayer once or more per week. Some pick one name and pray for them the whole week. Some are prayed for by fellow worshippers on Sunday morning.

ALL CHURCH DINNER AND
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

May 22 is the date of the annual congregational meeting and dinner. We will be electing new officers and members of the Board of Trustees, plus other congregational business. Frank Springer of the Division of Homeland Ministries will show pictures and explain the usage of our gift of $7,000 last June for the Inman Christian Center in San Antonio, Texas.

The meal will be immediately following the Divine Worship Hour at 12:15 P.M. Fried chicken, rolls, and beverages will be provided here at the church, with d donation of $1.00 per person for these items, but with children under 6 coming free. Families are asked to bring their own table service and covered dishes of vegetables, salads, and desserts. New members since the last congregational dinner will be special guests. Because of the meat being served here, we do need reservations. Please sign up on May 8 or 15 or call the office.

BEDS FOR CRIB ROOM

The new stacking cribs, which were a gift of one of our members, given through the memorial fund, have arrived and are in place in the Crib Room. Our thanks to Jim & Becky Stucky for assembling them, to the Christian Education Committee for unloading them, and to Mike Watson and Harold Cline for removal of old cribs. The old cribs may be reclaimed by owners.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 14
9:30 A.M. CWF May Breakfast
SUNDAY, MAY 15
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:00 P.M. Cluster Rally for Camp-Conference, Fellowship Hall
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
MONDAY, MAY 16
10:00 A.M. Study Group
TUESDAY, MAY 17
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18
8:00 P.M. Choir rehearses at North Christian
THURSDAY, MAY 19
9:00 A.M. CWF Institute at North Christian
9:30 A.M. Understanding the O.T.
7:15 P.M. Understanding the O.T.
7:30 P.M. Temple Trimmers

PANTRY NEEDS: NOODLES, SMALL P-NUT BUTTER, TUNA, OATS

Need for storing jelly: Empty 8 oz. yogurt containers, 8 oz. cottage cheese containers, small jelly jars

THIS SUNDAY AT F.C.C.

MORNING WORSHIP - 8:15 & 10:45
Sermon: "THE HOLY SPIRIT RENEWS THE CHURCH" - Ezekiel 37:9, 10; Ephesians 4:1-16. Duet both hours by Janet Weicker & Phyllis Tryon - Chancel Choir singing at 10:45 - "O Sing a New Song"

CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:30
Classes for all persons and age groupings - Variant opportunities.

HOSTING OF CAMP RALLY
All Youth from those currently in 4th grade through high school are invited to be here from 5:15 to 8:00 as we host a Cluster meeting to interpret and challenge to summer camps and conferences. We have had one of the larger groups in Regional Camps in recent years--come and get the "camp fever" on Sunday evening with other youth.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP - 7:00 P.M.
Dean & Elsie Widler will lead the informal Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M. in the Parlor this Sunday evening.

SERVING MAY 15

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and William Schilling

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Steve Harter

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. S. Rayl, B. Lehman, D. Keebortz, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. C. Cline, R. Orr, H. Stevenson, S. Knuckles, R. Baugher, D. Short, R. Jenkins

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Lehman-SW, D. Keebortz-NW

10:45 A.M. R. Jenkins-SW, D. Short-NW, R. Baugher-SE, S. Knuckles-NE

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

William Schilling - Doug Aller

George Davis

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Carole Lee and Andrea Benny

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Rocky & Lee Baugher

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. P. Bickel

10:45 A.M. C. Akers, A. Benny, C. Cline

IN HOSPITAL

PARKVIEW: 245 Mr. Fred Smell

DEATH OF MEMBER;

Mrs. Lona Miller on 5/3/77, who had been a member since early 1920's. Sympathy is extended to her son, William, and family.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Mrs. Rychie Smell and family on the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Cassie Scherrek, last week in Nashville, IN.

EASTER OUTREACH OFFERING

$900 was mailed this week as the special Easter Offering for Christian Church Outreach. Thanks to all who gave in this over and above effort!

USE CHURCH LIBRARY!

The Church Library in Room 130 is open before and after Sunday worships and during the hour of Church School. Feel free to come and browse and borrow books. Come in during the Fellowship Hour after Divine Worship.

PASTOR TO VIRGINIA ASSEMBLY

Dr. Cline will be in Lynchburg, VA. for the Assembly of our Virginia Churches this Thursday through Saturday. He will be leading a Workshop on Evangelism and Renewal. Lewis McPherren of our Indiana staff is being installed on Thursday evening as the new Regional Minister of Virginia.

THANK YOU NOTES:

"I wish to thank those who have so thoughtfully remembered me with cards and good wishes and telephone calls, also for the visits from Dr. Cline and Miriam Bixenman. Almeda and I thank you for the expressions of sympathy after the death of her brother."

Almeda and Cecil Rice

"Thanks to Harold and Miriam for their calls and prayers. And thanks to friends for the calls and cards during my recent illness."

Delores Overmyer

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD MEETING OF MAY 3, 1977

The Board affirmed a recommendation of the Membership Committee to have a celebration on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th to mark the 25th anniversary of the dedication of our present building and to recognize and honor all who have been members for 25 or more years. NOTE THE FAMILY CALENDAR NOW!

Upon recommendation of the Lay Personnel Committee several persons were voted to complete unexpired terms, namely, Margaret Love as chairperson for Evangelism until June 30, 1978; Robert Orr as deacon until June 30, 1980 and deacon representative to board until June 30, 1978; and Ben Taylor as an elder representative to the board for July 1, 1977 until June 30, 1978.

After considerable discussion on World Outreach, a motion of the committee was approved which called for: (1) A letter to the Church Finance Council asking that a larger percentage of Christian Church Outreach be apportioned to the Benevolent Homes; (2) a letter to William Gibble, President of the National Benevolent Home asking for ways to aid financially this division of the church and (3) A special over-and-above offering for the financial crisis at Woodhaven Learning Center for Exceptional Children in Columbia, Missouri on June 12 and 19. The concern came from the crunch that many of our Benevolent Homes are having because of inflation, increased governmental regulations, and inadequate

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)AY, MAY 22 - 12:15 P.M.

All are invited to our annual business meeting following the dinner at 12:15 P.M., Sunday, May 22. Meat, rolls, drink are furnished at $1.00 per person for school age and adults. No charge for pre-schoolers. The rest of the meal is pot-luck. Call the church office now to sign up! Important annual elections! Guest presentation by Frank Springer! Recognition of new members!

CWF MAY BREAKFAST THIS SATURDAY!

The annual CWF May Breakfast will be this Saturday, May 14, at 9:30 A.M. in Fellowship Hall. A special committee headed by Pat Norman and Rose Jenkins has planned this event!

Mrs. Avis Thompson will be the guest speaker. Avis and her husband, Maurice, are serving the North Christian Church in an Interim Ministry. Avis will be speaking on the theme, "Being a Real Person". A short business meeting will be conducted and the Blessing Boxes will be dedicated. There is no cost for this event and guests are encouraged. Reservations should be called into the church office by Thursday, May 12.

WEEKDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Though our congregation supports Associated Churches with its major cost program of Weekday Christian Education for upwards of 8,000 school children at $250 per month from regular giving, opportunity is now given for special scholarship aid. $8 is the average cost per child. 2,000 children enrolled have no church home. Help support the basic Biblical exposure to these children. Give in multiples of $8 for the number of children you desire to support. Mark this special giving and make sure that we have it by May 22 so it can be forwarded for this program. Special envelopes and folders are available in the Narthex.

HELP THE OFFICE!

Will you contact the office if any members or friends are graduating from college or graduate school this year? Help us out so we may list and recognize all!

COLLEGE AND CAREER CLASS

This Church School class will begin a continuing study this coming Sunday in Room 132. Dr. Cline will be leading in a basic introductory study to the New Testament. All singles of college age or 20's are invited. Sunday will be introductory and then it will begin with Mark on the 22nd. 9:30 on Sunday in Room 132!

PENTECOST FESTIVAL OF ANTHEMS AND HYMNS - MAY 22, 7:30 P.M.

Our three Christian Churches of Fort Wayne will join together in a night of worship through music at 7:30 P.M. May 22 at North Christian Church. Our Chancel Choir and Bell Choir will participate. Practice at North at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday the 18th and 6:00 P.M. on the 22nd.

WORK DAY AT CAMP BARBEE

Men, women, youth--all are needed at Camp Barbee this Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Take a sack lunch. This is a day for cleaning, painting, repairing, trimming, and getting facilities in shape for the summer.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

ATURDAY, MAY 21
:30 P.M. Harmony Class Progressive Dinner
UNDAY, MAY 22
:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
2:15 P.M. Congregational Dinner and Meeting
:30 P.M. Youth Groups
:00 P.M. Choir Rehearses at North Christian
:30 P.M. Pentecost Festival of Song, North Christian
ONDAY, MAY 23
0:00 A.M. Study Group
:30 P.M. Area I Board, Auburn
UESDAY, MAY 24
:00 A.M. D.M.A. leave for all-day outing (see page 4)
:30 A.M. The Fat Is In Your Head Group
:30 P.M. Yoga and Christian Meditation
HURSDAY, MAY 26
:30 A.M. Understanding the O.T.
:15 P.M. Understanding the O.T.
:30 P.M. Temple Trimmers
:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

ANTRY NEEDS: SMALL P-NUT BUTTER
UNA, CANNED VEGETABLES, SMALL
OWDERED MILK, JELLO

CALLING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Join us for these important experiences on this Sunday!

8:15 & 10:45 - MORNING WORSHIPS

Soloist both hours is Becky Stucky Dr. Cline is preaching, "THE HOLY SPIRIT STIRS WORLD REVOLUTION" Study Matthew 25:31-46 and John 16: 1-15. The Chancel Choir sings, "Can I See Another's Woe?" At the 10:45 A.M. hour, Frank Springer will join in a sermon dialogue.

12:15 P.M. - CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

We join for a meal and fellowship plus important program and business items. Frank Springer of the Division of Homeland Ministries will share concerning the impact and work of our $7,000 gift to the Inman Center in San Antonio, last June. We will hold congregational elections--see page 3. All nominees are expected for this meeting! We will recognize new members. Call the Church Office today if you have not made reservations--meat, drink, rolls are furnished the rest is pot luck. Child Care will be provided for small children during the program.

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SERVING MAY 22

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, B. Pauley, M. Hartman, C. Church

10:45 A.M. G. Falbe, M. Crouse, M. Finkhousen, M. Lehman, E. Nordblom, R. Krull, S. Hayes, K. Taylor

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, B. Pauley-NW

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Amelia Dare and Mildred Hartman

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. L. Wiley, P. Norman, N. Hendricks

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

325 Miss Faye Woodhull

M212 Mrs. Mary Hill

ST. JOSEPH:

515 Mrs. Margaret Overby

MISSING TAPE RECORDER

The Panasonic cassette recorder is missing from the Minister of Education's office. We are most anxious to locate this recorder since it is used by many groups in the church and had a teaching tape from one of the groups on it when it disappeared.

CRAFT CLASS UPDATE

Several craft classes for the all-church bazaar have met. We want to encourage all to think about enrolling in up-coming ones. In the first announcement we made an error in Elsie Widler's purse class. This will be a class on DENIM purses. Call Elsie to enroll. Karen Flickinger's Needlepoint Class will be June 1 and 8. Call her to enroll. Cost for these classes is determined by number enrolled and materials needed.

THANK YOU

The sucess of our recital last Saturday, May 7, was due to the efforts of many people. Many thanks go to Jerry Zimmerman for his assistance during the program, to Barbara Short and Harold Cline for their work with programs and publicity, to Nena Lucas for makeup assistance, to Russell Wortley for assistance on lighting, to Audean Ashe and Patty Campbell for babysitting, and to Metta Stucky and Don Mitchell for their work in taping the program. A total of $58.00 was donated to the choir robe fund. Tapes of the program will be available @ $3.00 and can be ordered through Sara or Becky (any checks may be made payable to First Christian Choir). Finally, Becky and I wish to thank our husbands for their cooperation and moral support. Without it, our program would not have been possible.

Sincerely,

Sara Davis

Rebecca Stucky

IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY - 12:15 P.M.

1. RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST MEETING:
Monte Tobias, Mary Wilhelm, John, Betty & Tim Briggs, Daniel and Jo Flickinger, Laura and Gary York, Michelle Reeves.

2. ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL ELECTIONS - COMPETITIVE ELECTIONS
   A. Voting Representatives to General Assembly of Christian Church in Kansas City, October 21-26, 1977 - two to be elected
   Andrew Cook, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Earl Plummer, Ruth Plummer, Dean Widler, Elsie Widler
   B. Representatives to the Church Board - 2 to be elected from each group for two year terms.
   ELDER: Robert Johnson, Bert Leversee, Rolland Ripple, Janet Weicker
   DEACONS: Mark Akers, Max Finkhousen, Bob Pauley, Carl Schwartz
   DEACONESSES: Peg Buskirk, Carol Cline, Eileen Klepfer, Diana Wortley
   CONGREGATION-AT-LARGE: Mel Busse, Dick Johnson, Margaret Jenkins, Ruth Plummer
   C. Elected Members to Lay Personnel Committee for two year terms: Lois Finkhousen, Betty Grimm, Janet Weicker, Helen Williams

NON-COMPETITIVE ELECTIONS

   A. Officers - For two year terms: Secretary-Ramona Ketner; Treasurer Ron Flickinger; Memorial Funds Treasurer-George Davis
   B. Chairpersons - for two year terms; Stewardship & Finance-Andrew Cook; Worship & Pastoral Relations-Ralph Church; Membership-Mildred Hartman and Mildred Hutchinson; Property-George Bruckman; Board of Elders-Steve Harter
   C. Elders for five year terms: George Bruckman, William Love, Barbara Short
   D. Board of Diaconate for five year terms: Mark Akers, Andrea Benny, Walter Bowen, Michael Byers, Barbara Love, Carl Schwartz, Diana Wortley, Paul Yentes.

CONFIRMATION OF BOARD ACTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES

   A. Chairwoman of Evangelism until June 30, 1978 - Margaret Love
   Chairman of Lay Personnel until June 30, 1978 - Earl Plummer
   B. Representatives to Church Board
   Elder from July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978 - Ben Taylor
   Deacon from July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978 - Bruce Lehman
   Congregation-at-Large from March 8, 1977 to June 30, 1978 - Mary Lou Hartzler

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (from page three)

Deacon from May 3, 1977 to June 30, 1978 - Robert Orr
C. Members of Board of Diaconate: Robert Orr until June 30, 1980

3. GUEST INTERPRETATION

Frank Springer of the Division of Homeland Ministries will interpret through motion pictures and word the impact of our $7,000 for the Inman Christian Center of San Antonio, Texas. We will also receive a glimpse of the coming General Assembly at Kansas City.

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D.M.A. TRIP, TUESDAY, the 24th

The call is out for persons to call the church office or sign up Sunday to go with the D.M.A. to the restored community at Atlanta, Indiana, during a long lunch hour followed by a guided tour at the Conner Praire Pioneer Settlement in early afternoon. Conner Praire is a living museum of rural central Indiana life of 1830. We will leave the parking lot at 9:00 A.M. and should be back in town by 5:30 P.M. The tour at Conners Praire is $2.00 per person. The lunch will be a choice between the Surry Inn or Re's Ice Cream Parlor at Atlanta. Feel free to invite guests for this trip, but do call the church office for reservations just as soon as possible--744-3239. THIS IS NEXT TUESDAY--MAY 24!

SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES (from page 1)

7:30 P.M. PENTECOST FESTIVAL OF SONG

We go to North Christian Church at Essex and Coldwater Road for this shared service. Our Chancel and Bell Choirs are participating along with the Adult and Youth Choirs of West Creighton and the Choir at North. Much congregational singing is in store. Come and enjoy this night of music! Pentecost Fellowship Hour following. We should have 100 or more of our people there--See you there!

NEW BOOK IN LIBRARY

Thanks to Margaret Love for placing the book, Today's Stories of Jesus in the Library. This is excellent for children!

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MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - MAY 22-28, 1977

Charles Green	Ora McDougle	Joseph Snouffer	Esther Kreischer
Nancy Hendricks	Armela Newman	Paul Truby	Norma Andrew
Susan Jones	Gloria Phillips	Lucille Welch	Michael Gardner
Fern Kenline	Almeda Rice	Evelyn Yeoman	Belva Burkett
Anne Lee	Lillian Scott	Mary Dailey	James Heavins

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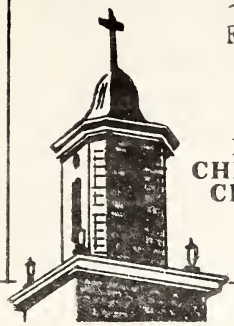

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 29
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MAY 30
Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 31
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Chrisitan Med.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1
9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Mildred Hogg, 1205 Three Rivers
7:30 P.M. Planning Meeting, All-Church Camp Outs

THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY
Nelson Group Garage Sale (to benefit CWF) Nordblom's Garage 5319 Fairfield

THURSDAY, JUNE 2
9:30 A.M. Understanding the O.T.
7:15 P.M. Understanding the O.T.
7:30 P.M. Temple Trimmers
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: NOODLES, SOUP

TUNA, POWDERED MILK, OATS

CELEBRATE PENTECOST!

Sunday the 29th marks one of the high and important days of the church. Christmas celebrates the gift of Jesus into the world--Easter celebrates the victory of Jesus over sin and death--Pentecost celebrates the reception of Jesus into human life such as yours and mine. Pentecost is the birthday of the church--the people finding life and relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Spirit enabling the church to have the power and presence of God through history. Come and celebrate with us in worship this Sunday.

Dr. Cline will be preaching the final in his series on the Holy Spirit, "THE HOLY SPIRIT ENABLES WORLD MISSION." Read the first two chapters of Acts in preparation.

Don Parlette will be playing a trumpet solo at the 8:15 Meditative Worship Hour. At 10:45 the Chancel Choir will sing "With the sound of Trumpets" and the Men's Chorus will sing with brass accompaniment--"The Battle Hymn of the Republic".

Our Pentecost specail outreach offering will be received in the sp-

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SERVING MAY 29

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and Ross Harter

10:45 A.M. Robert Hendricks and Dean Widler

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. E. Place, K. Place, S. Rayl, M.L. Hartzler

10:45 A.M. A. Benny, G. Davis, D. Young, E. Conrad, B. Hendricks, J. Taylor, S. Schell, R. Orr

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler-SW S. Rayl-NW

10:45 A.M. D. Young-SW, E. Conrad-NW, G. Davis-NE, B. Hendricks-SE

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Bert Leversee, Clarence Hetrick, Robert Johnson, Delmas Young

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Amelia Dare & Mildred Hartman

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. Arruza

10:45 A.M. N. Lucas, B. Schwartz, M. Baugher

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 628 Mrs. Maude Donahue
326 Mrs. Gladys Hoop
M212 Mrs. Mary Hill
ST. JOSEPH: 709 Mrs. Thelma Jackson
823 Mrs. Margaret Alvarez

THANK YOU:

I wish to thank Dr. Cline for his visits to the hospital and to all those who were so thoughtful with cards, telephone calls and prayers during my recent stay in the hospital.

Fred Smell

BRING PAPERS TO PAPER DRIVE!

Newspapers and old phone books are desired NOW! The Chi Rho paper drive will be Saturday, June 4. Bring all papers and old phone books to the church by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, the 3rd.

INTERESTED IN CHURCH CAMP OUTS??!!

Come to a Planning meeting at 7:30 P.M. Wednesday, June 1 to help plan events for this summer! Interested families are needed to be represented! If you are interested in participating but cannot attend the meeting contact Miriam Bixenman.

SUMMER STUDENT HELP

Steve Doles began as Summer Associate and Valerie Williams began as Summer Intern this week. They will share in worship leadership, calling, programming, youth camps and conferences, and personal growth experiences. The Summer Internship program is totally financed by the earnings of our Church Memorial Trust Fund. Since Steve had served the maximum of two summers as an Intern, his salary will be supported only 50% by the Trust Fund earnings and the other 50% will be by special gifts of budget money. We have one anonymous commitment of $200 toward this cause. Others are invited to make special gifts carefully marked "Transitory-Steve Doles Salary Fund".

SPECIAL GIFT TO PANTRY

29 food items and 14 pairs of shoes and 54 clothing items from the Welfare Department were given to the Pantry last week. Thanks!

RESULTS OF CONGREGATIONAL ELECTIONS

IN THE COMPETITIVE ELECTIONS, we elected the following: Voting Representatives to the General Assembly of the Christian Church in Kansas City this fall: Mildred Hartman and Ruth Plummer. Alternates are Earl Plummer, Mildred Hutchinson, Andrew Cook, Dean Widler, Elsie Widler. Representatives to the Board of Trustees for July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1979: ELDERS: Robert Johnson and Janet Weicker; DEACONS: Carl Schwartz and Bob Pauley; DEACONESSES: Peg Buskirk and Carol Cline; and REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGREGATION-AT-LARGE: Ruth Plummer and Mel Busse. We salute the following nominees who were willing to serve and be nominated but who were not chosen for this responsibility now: Bert Leversee, Rolland Ripple, Mark Akers, Max Finkhousen, Eileen Klepfer, Diana Wortley, Margaret Jenkins, Dick Johnson. Members elected for the Lay Personnel Committee for July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1979: Betty Grimm and Helen Williams. (We salute Janet Weicker and Lois Finkhousen who have served in the past and who were nominated, but not elected at this time.)

BY A MOTION OF UNANIMOUS ELECTION THE FOLLOWING WERE ELECTED TO RESPECTIVE OFFICES: Officers for July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1979: Secretary-Ramona Ketner, Treasurer-Ron Flickinger, Memorial Funds Treasurer-George Davis; Chairpersons for July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1979: Andrew Cook-Stewardship & Finance, Ralph Church-Worship & Pastoral Relations, Mildred Hartman and Mildred Hutchinson-Membership, George Bruckman-Property, Steve Harter-Board of Elders. Elders elected for five year terms from July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1982: George Bruckman, William Love and Barbara Short. Diaconate for five year terms from July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1982: Mark Akers, Andrea Benny, Walter Bowen, Michael Byers, Barbara Love, Carl Schwartz, Diana Wortley, Paul Yentes.

THE CONGREGATION CONFIRMED THE FOLLOWING VACANCY REPLACEMENTS OF PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION: Margaret Love, Chairwoman of Evangelism until June 30, 1978; Earl Plummer, Chairman of Lay Personnel until June 30, 1978; Ben Taylor, Elder Representative to Board until June 30, 1978; Bruce Lehman, Deacon Representative to Board until June 30, 1978; Mary Lou Hartzler, Congregation-at-Large Representative to Board until June 30, 1978; Robert Orr, Deacon Representative to Board until June 30, 1978; and Robert Orr, member of Board of Diaconate until June 30, 1980.

ALL NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BOARD OF ELDERS AND BOARD OF DIACONATE WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE 10:45 A.M. WORSHIP HOUR, SUNDAY, JUNE 26. ALL CONTINUING MEMBERS OF THESE GROUPS SHOULD ALSO PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SPECIAL SERVICE.

CELEBRATE PENTECOST (from page 1)
ecial envelopes as well as the total Church School offering.

Decisions for Christ and the church are especially in order this Sunday--express commitment of life to Christ and be a channel of his living in our time and world.

Our Pentecost Celebration Worship will move to the summer time of 8:00 P.M. this Sunday. Steve Doles will lead singing with his guitar.

CHAIRPERSONS NAMED FOR BAZAAR

Persons who volunteered for the all-church bazaar to be held November 18 & 19 will be contacted by the following chairpersons for committees:

Booth Arranging-Sue Allen; Bake Shop-Sandy Zimmerman; Flower & Plant Table-Nila Schilling; Kitchen-Margaret Love (Friday Night); Snack Bar-Val Taylor (Saturday noon); Cashier for Meals-Amelia Dare; Movie Room-Ben Taylor; Fish Pond-Marilyn Byers; Baby sitters-Armela Newman; Publicity (radio, Papers) -Mark Akers; Children's Shop-Rosemary Krull; Thumb Print Booth-Elsie Widler; Kissing Booth-Dean Widler; Posters-Bruce Lehman and Chi Rho; Craft Shops-Rose Jenkins; Needle Shop-Beth Schwartz; Christmas Shop-Barb Hayes; My Mother's Cupboard-Irene Current; Grab Bap-Ramona Ketner; Wood Shop- Russ Wortley; Clean-Up-George Davis.

THANKS FOR CYF EVENT

"Please extend my appreciatio and that of the regional youth pr gram to your congregation, especi lly all the ladies who provided t generous refreshments and meal Miriam's work with the housing ma the housing rush smooth sailing.

Thank you again."

Ricarda Jones, Regional
Staff Associate

"Thanks for a great weekend. T planning and preparation were e cellent--and the accomodations we first rate. Please convey our s ecial thanks to all your folks w helped."

Dave Fischer, Regional CYF
Advisor

"Dear Fellow Christian sitting in this pew:
I was in this spot on Saturda April 30, 1977 celebrating our faith as part of the regional CY event. I sure do thank you for a lowing us the use of your love building."

'Twas a refreshing experience!
Thanks!
Genesis 30:49
Shalom,
A CYF Sponsor

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NELSON GROUP GARAGE SALE

JUNE 2 - 3 - 4
5319 Fairfield

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MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - MAY 29 - JUNE 4, 1977

Dessie Buchman	Cindy Ebetino	Jeffery Grier	Elmer Jordon
Robert Chevalier	Gary Falbe	Betty Harter	Terry King
Judy Church	Lois Finkhousen	Clarance Hetrick	Steve Kreischer
Romane Cole	Pat Fountain	Mary Howell	Steven Ludwig
Rosemary Day	Michelle Reeves	Richard Johnson	

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CHURCH CALENDAR

HURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY
Nelson Group Garage Sale
5319 Fairfield
ATURDAY, JUNE 4
9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive
6:00 P.M. College & Career Dinner
8:00 P.M. FAW, South Wayne Baptist Church
UNDAY, JUNE 5
7:00 A.M. Senior Recognition Breakfast, Richards Resturant
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Baccalaureate Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
ONDAY, JUNE 6
0:00 A.M. Study Group
6:30 P.M. Brummel Group Dinner Out
7:00 P.M. Laos Group
UESDAY, JUNE 7
2:00 Noon Kepple Group Luncheon Ethel Flowers, 9410 Saratoga Rd.
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee
HURSDAY, JUNE 9
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

ANTRY NEEDS: TUNA, SOUP, JELLO, POWDERED MILK

HONORING GRADUATES

Our high school graduates of 1977 are:

Members: *Melanie Baugher*
Chad Cline
Steve Frappier
Mike Gardner
Jaynie Jenkins
Chris McDougle
Jim Shirley
Ken Taylor

Friends: *Debbie Dager*
Chris Elser
Daniel Griggs

Other known graduates are:

James A. Wilhelm - Associate Degree in Business Management from IU (DGTS)

Sally Cline - B.A. from Purdue in Elementary Education

Joe Wiley - Masters in Business Management from IU-PU.

SUNDAY WORSHIPS:

8:15 A.M. - Meditative Worship
Sermon: "Sufficiency from God" - Isaiah 40.

10:45 A.M. - Divine Worship
Baccalaureate Sermon - "Coming to Selfhood" Luke 15:11-32.

8:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship
College and Career Group leading

SERVING JUNE 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Fred Smell

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and Margaret Love

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. S. Thompson, D. Keebortz, B. Lehman, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. C. Cline, H. Stevenson, S. Knuckles, R. Baugher, D. Short, R. Jenkins, G. Falbe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Thompson-SW, D. Keebortz-NW

10:45 A.M. G. Falbe-SE, H. Stevenson-SE, C. Cline-NE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Elinor Place and Mary Lou Hartzler

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. S. Fleck, B. Hayes, B.S. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

463 Mrs. Gladys Hoop

M204 Robbie Pauley

ST. JOSEPH:

823 Mrs. Margaret Alvarez

508 Mrs. Thelma Jackson

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTHS:

To Craig & Donna Lee, a son, Jason Michael, on 5/20/77. Paternal grandmother is Carole Lee.

To Carlton & Genie Marcum, a daughter, Carla Lee, on 5/26/77. Maternal grandmother is Lee Baugher.

WATER, WOMEN, WORLD

The CWF special project of providing wells for needy parts of our world received a boost of $574.30 for all the donations at the Regional Youth Event. Thus, $1,091.14 has been collected to date. This completes four wells and perhaps the fifth well or a total of $1,250 can be achieved by June 16th!

WEEKDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our special scholarship giving to help pay for children without church ties was $148.38 and was mailed to Associated Churches this week for immediate needs. Thanks to those who gave over and above for this cause!

DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 3, 4 - NELSON GROUP GARAGE SALE, 5319 Fairfield (Benefits CWF)

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE (please have papers to the church before 5:00 P.M. on Friday! Those needing pick-up, call the church office.)

COLLEGE & CAREER

Don't forget that this Saturday, June 4th we will be eating dinner together at the church starting at 6:00 P.M. Schellie Schell and Debbie Nordblom will be preparing the meal and it is open to all C & C people and any guests. If you are able to come, and we have not contacted you, please call the church office by noon Friday. A collection will be taken to cover the cost of the meal.

CALLING ALL WOMEN

Participate in the REGIONAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN - "To Live Is To Risk" on June 18 & 19 at Indiana Central University in Indianapolis. Dr. Miriam Burke is the keynoter from Earlham College and is a respected stimulator for growth. Outstanding leadership is available for 3 hour workshops such as Personal Risk by Miriam Burke; Styles of Communication in Family Life-Bill & Peggy Crump; Passages: Living with Change - Loriane Pitman; Congregational Vitality - Peter Morgan; Single Personhood - Sally Smith; Good Grief - Charles Babcock; Hunger/Alternate Life Styles-Jim Powell; Personal Discipleship - Fran Craddock.

It opens with registration starting at 9:30 on Saturday and ends with worship at 2:30 on Sunday. Saturday evening includes Dinner Theatre with the Christian Theological Seminary Players. Fran Craddock is worship leader.

$10 is needed along with registration information in the church office by this Sunday the 5th. The church is paying $7 towards the cost. Ruby Cline is already registered. Sign up now for this weekend!

CALLING ALL YOUTH

Register NOW for Summer Camp and Conference! Join with others for an experience "where God and a good time go together."

We have these participants at this time:

WORK CAMP AT HAZEL GREEN ACADEMY in KENTUCKY, JUNE 12-18:
Youth: Carol Cline, Clint Crowe, Gary York; Counselor: Steve Doles

CAMP 7-8, JULY 11-16 at BARBEE:
Counselor: Valerie Williams

CAMP 5-6, JULY 18-23 at BARBEE:
Youth: Julie Cook, Ric Baugher, Sharon Knuckles, Tim Knuckles, Sherri Melchi, Katherine Siler; Counselors: Miriam Bixenman, Director; Steve Doles, Peg Buskirk, Bruce Lehman, Marlene Crouse

CAMP 7-8, JULY 25-30 at BARBEE:
Youth: Eric Jenkins

CAMP 9-10, JULY 31-AUGUST 6 at BARBEE:
Counselor: Valerie Williams

CONFERENCE 11 & 12, AUGUST 7-13 at BARBEE:
Youth: Carol Cline; Counselors: Steve Doles, Connie Wells

PENTECOST OFFERING;

$295.79 has been received for this special outreach giving. Let's move towards $500. Our regular Program Support needs help desperately after two low weeks!

MAY AVERAGES

Church Worship	292
Church School	133
Through-the-Week	24
Program Support	$2,001.45
Building Fund	195.66

NEW MEMBERS DURING MAY:

Michelle Reeves
Melvin Cochren

CRAFT CLASSES FOR BAZAAR

NEEDLEPOINT - 9:00 A.M. June 1 & 8 at the church led by Karen Flickinger. Call 747-6832 if interested.

QUILTING - 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 7 - led by Beth Schwartz. Call 445-9383 if interested.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PICNIC

The Progressive Class will have a covered dish picnic on June 11, beginning at 4:00 P.M. at the home of Hugh and Gwynth Rice, 7001 Premiere Dr. Bring covered dish and table service.

JUNE WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Our Baccalaureate Worship honoring graduating high school and college persons will be at 10:45 A.M. this Sunday the 5th. Our annual Worship through Music will be at 10:45 A.M. on the 12th featuring our three choirs and the Ambassadors Quartet. The entire 10:45 A.M. worship on June 19 will be designed especially for children, but will likely speak to all of us. Our installation of officers and leaders will be at 10:45 A.M. on Sunday, June 26.

JUNE BOARD MEETING

Our regular meeting of the Board will be at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 14. Note the delay because of community commencement excercises.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

MELVIN COCHREN, 338 Madison, 02 identified with us in a transfer of membership during Divine Worship from the Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren. Melvin has become active in the Come Double Class and has worked in our Scouting Program here. He is employed by Allen Co. Motors. He has two grown sons in service and a daughter, Nancy, a freshman at Wayne. We welcome Melvin in our fellowship.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JUNE 5-11, 1977

Calvin Jones	*Mary Wilhelm*
Ethel Lahmon	*Robert Beachley*
Mary McCarthy	*David Cook*
Dorothy Murphy	*Ellen Tribolet*
Carol Overmyer	*Terry Augsburger*
Hugh Rice	*Lois Buchanan*
Carl Schwartz	*Ruby Cline*
Helen Steigerwald	*Muriel Crouse*
Andrew Crowe	*Jodi Eckert*
Frederick Warner	*Carolyn Falbe*

OPEN CHURCH WEDDING:

Dr. and Mrs. Richard S. Egly request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Sarah Margaret to Mr. Michael D. Ayers on Saturday, June 11, 1977 at 2:30 in the afternoon at Central Christian Church in Terre Haute and the reception following from 4:00 to 6:00 at the Hulman Student Union Building, Rose Hulman Campus.

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CHOIR SUNDAY - 10:45 A.M.

The Chancel Choir led by Sara Davis, the Bell Choir led by Mel Busse, and the Children's Choir led by Susan Jones will be singing and playing for the major input of worship this Sunday during the Divine Worship at 10:45 A.M. This marks the end of this choir season and worship will be through the expression of music.

MEDITATIVE WORSHIP - 8:15 A.M.

The early worship hour will be a time of quiet, communion, and a sermon, "AFFIRMING OUR FAITH" based on Psalms 27:1,4,12,13. The Youth Bell Choir will be playing the Offertory accompanied by a trombonist. This will be the only preaching hour this Sunday for those desiring this option.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP - 8:00 P.M.

Dr. Cline will be leading this informal worship experience as anger is dealt with in the light

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 11
9:00 - 3:00 CYF CAR WASH
4:00 P.M. Progressive Class Picnic, Rices, 7001 Premiere

SUNDAY, JUNE 12
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
3:00 P.M. Laos Group at Clines
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 13
10:00 A.M. Study Group
6:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild Pot-luck, Carriage House Party Room
7:00 P.M. Laos Group

TUESDAY, JUNE 14
11:00 A.M. Higdon Group Potluck, Esther Whitton, 3308 S. Clinton
7:00 P.M. Quilting
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15
7:00 P.M. College & Career
7:30 P.M. Ad-Hoc New Church Committee, West Creighton Christian
7:30 P.M. Open House, Mark & Pauline Snyder 4709 Schaper Dr.
8:00 P.M. Christmas Decorations Workshop

SERVING JUNE 12

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Steve Harter and Janet Weicker

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, B. Pauley, M. Hartman, C. Church

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse, M. Finkhousen, M. Lehman, E. Nordblom, R. Krull, S. Hayes, K. Taylor, A. Benny

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, B. Pauley-NW

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse-SW, K. Taylor-NW, A. Benny-SE, R. Krull-NE

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Ben Taylor - Bruce Lehman

Merle Grimm - Homer Stevenson

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Elinor Place & Mary Lou Hartzler

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. B. Short, J. Ott, D. Wortley

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 303 Mrs. Hazel Firestone

ST. JOSEPH: 508 Mrs. Thelma Jackson

902 Mrs. Margaret Alvarez

LUTHERAN: 463 Mrs. Gladys Hoop

M-204 Robbie Pauley

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To Roger and Pam Hughes, a son, Benjamin Nathaniel, on 6/1/77.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Jerry Alan Orchard and Vera Jaworskyj, on 6/4/77. They are residing at 1903 Sherman Blvd. 08, 424-7767.

ADDITIONAL YOUTH TO CAMP

In addition to the 11 youth listed last week we have the following new registered:

Camp 5-6, Barbee, July 18-23

Bob Briggs

Camp 7-8, Barbee, July 25-30

Tim Briggs

Conference 11-12, Barbee, August 7-13

Anne Lee

ADDITIONAL GRADUATES:

Since our printing last week we have learned of the following graduates: Tom Banet received a B.S. degree from Tri State College in Business Management Other high school graduates include Linda Bushey and Mark Williams.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Gene Klepfer in his retirement as of May 31 as General Manager of the Fort Wayne plant and Vice President of Wabash Fibre Box Company.

IN DEEP APPRECIATION:

"Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family of Lona Miller."

ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

Mark and Pauline Snyder invite the congregation to an Open House, on Wednesday, June 15th, from 7:30 to 10:00 P.M. celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The Open House will be in their home, 4709 Schaper Drive.

CYF CAR WASH SATURDAY JUNE 11

9:00 - 3:00 (½ of DONATIONS TO WOODHAVEN LEARNING CENTER)

WOODHAVEN SPECIAL GIVING

We are making a focus on the WOODHAVEN LEARNING CENTER for Exceptional Children during these next three Sundays of June. Marked and designated giving is encouraged over-and-above regular Program Support. One half of the CYF Car Wash donations this Saturday from 9:00 to 3:00 on the Parking Lot will go for Woodhaven. Read what one who visited Woodhaven says,

"Woodhaven Learning Center has more walking miracles per square foot than any place I've ever encountered. As a teacher, I'm thrilled with the excellence of the education program. As a Christian, I am deeply moved by the love among the persons living and working there. When we visited there, we were amazed and overjoyed to see persons that our society would call 'the least of these' leading full mature lives. On the next three Sundays in June when the special offering is collected for Woodhaven, our family is going to give all that we can. Between now and then we are going to pray for this offering We hope you will join us in supporting this ministry."

Sharon Pauley

CHI RHO TRIP

Our Chi Rho Fellowship will be leaving for their year-end trip to Mammouth Cave, Kentucky, at 4:00 A.M. this Friday, June 10. The group will be camping at Mammouth Cave National Park Camp Grounds Friday night and Saturday night. Each evening will feature Bible Study and discussion around the camp fire, led by Valerie Williams, our summer intern. The group will worship on Sunday morning at Cave City Christian Church.

Going on this trip will be Chi Rhoers" Susie Blackburn, Tim Briggs, Kim Campbell, Bruce Grimm, Eric Jenkins, Scott Keebortz, Mai Pauley, Tim Sauerwein, Laura Smyser, Marvin Smyser, and John Wortley. Adults driving and serving a sponsors, in addition to Val Williams, include Scott Rayl and Bruce Lehman, who have been sponsors of the group this year, and Pat and Bernie Norman and Sue and Mike Watson. Additional family members of sponsors are Pat and Mike Campbell. The group will return to the church parking lot about 9:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 12. As a part of their program, Chi Rho is also sending a check for $25.00 to Hazel Green Academy for Mountain Children.

CHURCH CAMP OUT DATES:

July 8, 9, & 10 - Twin Mills Camp Ground
July 29, 30 & 31 - Chain of Lakes
August 19, 20 & 21 - Jellystone or Chain of Lakes

IMPORTANT BOARD MEETING

The regular June meeting is at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, June 14. Agenda items include DISCIPLE Purchase on two year plan, Evangelism Recommendation concerning special Study in Church School, Leadership Retreat, Parking Lot and neighbor relationships; Communion Cups. This is the final meeting of our 1976-77 board which includes: Jack Weicker, William Love, Nancy Wortley, Andrew Cook, Ronald Flickinger, Jerry Zimmerman, George Bruckman, Connie Wells, Russ Wortley, Delores Keebortz, Merle Grimm, Ralph Church, Mark Snyder, Paul Yentes, Ben Taylor, Steve Harter, Margaret Love, George Davis, Robert Orr, Mildred Hartman, Bev Hendricks, Amelia Dare, Mary Lou Hartzler, Bert Leversee, Robert Hendricks, Ennis Brown, Bob Pauley, Marge Lehman, Edna Nordblom, Ruth Plummer, Mel Busse and ex-officio Miriam Bixenman and Harold Cline.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS - LIBRARY

40 new children's books have been given to the Church Library. Parents, help your children to take advantage of this opportunity this summer! Our church library for all ages is in Room 130.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
JUNE 12-18, 1977

Martha Hunt	*Daniel Auer*
Ethel Kinzie	*Archie Hendrick*
Carole Lee	*Edward Sechler*
Sharon Miller	*Miriam Bixenman*
David Overby	*Muriel Chevalier*
Ralph Reynolds	*Mary Cook*
Dorothy Schmidt	*Donna Drudge*
Homer Stevenson	*Anita Fitch*
Blanche Valentine	*John Briggs*
Jack Williams	*Mary Anne Heiny*

CELEBRATION WORSHIP (from page 1)

of Exodus 32:15-20; Matthew 5: 21-26; Matthew 21:12, 13; Ephesians 4:26; and James 1:19. This is in the Parlor for an informal worship and communion experience

WORSHIP THE LORD THIS SUNDAY!!

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Vacation Church School this year will be held from 9:30 - 11:30 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 21, 22, & 23 for children now in our Kindergarten through fourth grade, and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 28, 29 & 30 from 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. for entire families. General theme for the school will be: GOD AND ME. Steve Doles is serving as coordinator.

BAZAAR BLASTS!

The following classes are beginning this week and next to prepare craft items for the All-Church Family Bazaar.

1) QUILTING - taught by Beth Schwartz, 445-9383 meeting June 7 at the church at 7:00 P.M. and every Tuesday night thereafter. This group also needs to borrow a quilting frame! Anyone who can loan one call Beth.

2) CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - taught by Miriam Bixenman, 744-3239, begins June 15 at 8:00 P.M. at the church. Will also meet June 22, July 6, & 13.

3) DENIM PURSES - taught by Elsie Widler on Friday, June 17 at 1:30 P.M.

PANTRY NEEDS: TUNA FISH, SOUP, JELLO, CANNED FRUIT

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CHURCH CALENDAR

UNDAY, JUNE 19
:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

ONDAY, JUNE 20
0:00 A.M. Study Group
:30 P.M. Calling

UESDAY, JUNE 21
:30 A.M. Vacation Church School
:30 P.M. CWF Potluck Picnic and Installation

EDNESDAY, JUNE 22
:30 A.M. Vacation Church School
:00 P.M. Christian Decorations Workshop

HURSDAY, JUNE 23
:30 A.M. Vacation Church School
:30 P.M. Calling

ANTRY NEEDS: TUNA, SOUP, CANNED FRUIT, POWDERED MILK

NEXT WEEK: JUNE 28, 29 & 30

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL EVENING SESSIONS FROM 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. CLASSES FOR ALL AGES - CHILD CARE FOR VERY YOUNG - see page 3!

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Worship is at the center of the Christian life and also of the Christian community. Thus, we offer three opportunities for worship highlighted by communion at different times and with different emphases each Lord's Day.

8:15 A.M. MEDITATIVE WORSHIP

More quiet - traditional songs - the only regular preaching service this Sunday - "JOB FINDS A CONVERSION" Read the entire book of Job or at least chapters 1, 2, 29-42.

10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

Dr. Cline will be leading a special worship service designed for children with stories and illustrations explaining worship and trying to speak to the level of elementary age children. Perhaps we all can gain since "we are children at heart." Sermonette - BEARING FRUIT - John 15:1-11.

8:00 P.M. CELEBRATION WORSHIP

The LAOS Group composed of Mel Busse, Ruby Cline, Marlene Crouse, Karen Elkins, Sharon Pauley, and Dean & Elsie Widler will lead on the theme "Gifts."

SERVING JUNE 19

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Robert Rayl

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. E. Place, K. Place, S. Rayl, M.L. Hartzler

10:45 A.M. G. Davis, D. Young, E. Conrad, B. Hendricks, J. Taylor, S. Schell, R. Orr, C. Cline

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Place-SW, K. Place-NW

10:45 A.M. J. Taylor-SW, S. Schell-NW, R. Orr-NE, G. Davis-SE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Edna Nordblom & Carol Cline

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee

10:45 A.M. A. Newman, N. Lucas, P. Campbell

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 463 Mrs. Gladys Hoop
784 Mr. Ed Bressler
ST. JOSEPH: 921 Mrs. Margaret Alvarez

TO HOME CARE:

Mrs. Hazel Firestone was moved from Parkview to the Heritage Manor Nursing Home, 7519 Winchester Road on Monday.

ADDITIONAL COLLEGE GRADUATE:

Julie Crouse graduated from IU with a B.A. in Sociology.

CHRISTIANS WITHOUT SPOUSES

Our Christians Without Spouses (formerly the Widow's Group) is planning to attend the Franke Park Outdoor Theatre production of "Sound of Music", starring Shirley Jones. We plan to attend on Thursday evening, July 28. Cost of tickets for the first 25 rows (all with backs on the seats) is $7.50. If you are interested in attending, please send your money to LaVerne Hunt, 1721 Shamrock Road, 46819, before June 25. We will meet on the church parkine lot and go as a group.

50th ANNIVERSERY OPEN HOUSE

Marvel and Vaughn Brickley will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversery June 25. In honor of this event, an Open House will be held in the home of their son, Jack Brickley, 1720 Mayflower Rd. on Sunday, June 26 from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.

THANK YOU NOTES:

"I would like to thank the Rev. Cline and the members of our congregation for the Bible they presented me with last Sunday." *Thanks very much,*
Jim Shirley

Golden Years Homestead
June 6, 1977

First Christian Church

Due to bad eyes I am unable to write. I had a stroke and can walk again. I feel O.K.

I wish to thank those concerned for their many cards and for their prayers and well wishes.

Thank you
James Hirschy

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

MORNING SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
June 21, 22, 23 - 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.
For Children of age 4 before 10/1/76 through Fourth Grade in the 1976-77 School year. THEME: GOD AND ME.

LEADERSHIP:
Kindergarten Class *Nila Schilling and Valeria Taylor*
Grades 1 & 2 - *Valerie Williams and Melanie Baugher*
Grades 3 & 4 - *Mary Lou Hartzler and Ramona Ketner*

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EVENING SESSION FOR TOTAL FAMILY GROUPS - CLASSES FOR ALL

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 28, 29, 30 - 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.
Child Care for very young - Graded classes for children, youth and adults.

LEADERSHIP:

Child Care - *Peg Buskirk*
Nursery - *Joan Ott and Betty Grimm (birth 10/1/72 to 10/1/74)*
Kindergarten - *Sally Cline and Barbara Love*
Grades 1 & 2 - *Valerie Williams and Melanie Baugher*
Grades 3 & 4 - *Mary Lou Hartzler and Ramona Ketner*
Grades 5 & 6 - *Steve and Tana Harter*
Grades 7 & 8 - *Bob and Sharon Pauley*
Grades 9 - 12 - *Steve Doles*

Adult Electives:
"An Evening with Parents"- *Miriam Bixenman*
"Study of Philippians" - *Harold Cline*

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CLIP AND MAIL OR BRING TO THE CHURCH OFFICE:

NAME _____ CLASS _____

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_____ CLASS _____

SUMMER DMA SCHEDULE

12:00 Noon - Tuesday, June 28

Picnic at Franke Park - Outside activities and see African Veldt - Hosting: Henry and Ethel Flowers and Delmas Young.

Tuesday Evening - July 26 Bus trip to Wagon Wheel Playhouse to see "Little Mary Sunshine". Cost is $7.00 per person for play and bus trip. Limited to first 46 reservations. Send names and check to cover to church office.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JUNE 19-25, 1977

Donna Johnson	Sharon Daugherty
Susan Knuckles	Larry Horn, Jr.
Edythe Metcalf	Rex Clifton
David Pence	Vivian Atwood
Mark Rayl	Ennis Brown
Clair Schryver	Irene Cline
Myrna Steigerwald	Irene Current
Blanche Tucker	Sharon Eme
Coleen Wilcoxson	Catherine Freed
Mrs. Terry Bickel	Jane Harts

HELP FEED THE COOKIE MONSTER!

Vacation Church School children can eat a lot of cookies! Our Vacation Church School begins next Tuesday at 9:30 A.M. and we need cookies for snack time - homemade or purchased. If you would be willing to make a donation to our "Cookie Monster", please bring or send cookies to the church before Tuesday A.M. at 9:00. Place cookies in the church kitchen plainly marked "for V.C.S."

PENTECOST OFFERING

The special Pentecost offering for World Outreach was mailed this week in the amount of $400. Thanks to all who contributed to this special giving.

CWF PICNIC POTLUCK AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The General CWF will end their 1976-77 year with a picnic potluck at the church beginning at 6:30 P.M. on June 21. The dinner will be hosted by the Nelson and Fellowship Guild groups. The installation of officers will follow the picnic. Mildred Hartman is the coordinator for the installation. Officers and chair persons for the General CWF and all chairwomen of groups will be installed.

BAZZAR BLASTS!

During the next few weeks we are looking for items for "My Mother's Cupboard". These items should be in good condition (not clothes or toys) which we could sell. If you are tired of certain items and want to donate them please call Irene Current 456-1180 (mornings). Ideas might include vases, ash trays, bottles jewelry, knick-knacks, etc.

Our classes have been fun and challenging! We hope you can join us for the following:

June 20 & 21 - Macrame - Pauline Horn - 747-5623

June 21 - Quilting - Beth Schwartz - 445-9383 - 7:00 P.M.

June 22 - Christmas Decorations Miriam Bixenman - 744-3239 8:00 P.M. at the church.

June 23 - Ceramics - Ethel Flowers - 432-1654 - 1:00 at church for three hours. Must be at least 5 people; call Ethel by June 18 if interested.

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INSTALLATION OF LEADERSHIP

Our new and continuing church leadership will meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:35 for the processional and installation service at 10:45 this Sunday morning.

New leadership includes: ELDERS for 5 years: George Bruckman, William Love, Barbara Short; DIACONATE for 5 years: Mark Akers, Andrea Benny, Walter Bowen, Michael Byers, Barbara Love, Carl Schwartz, Diana Wortley, and Paul Yentes. OFFICERS for 2 years: Ramona Ketner-Secretary; Ron Flickinger-Treasurer; and George Davis-Memorial Funds Treasurer. CHAIRPERSONS for 2 years: Stewardship & Finance-Andy Cook; Worship & Pastoral Relations-Ralph Church; Membership-Mildred Hartman & Mildred Hutchinson; Property-George Bruckman; Board of Elders-Steve Harter.

Continuing leadership includes;
OFFICERS: Jack Weicker & Bill Love; CHAIRPERSONS: Jerry Zimmerman, Margaret Love, Earl Plummer, Connie Wells, Russ Wortley, Delores Keebortz; CONGREGATIONAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES: Amelia Dare, Mary Lou Hartzler, Ruth Plummer, Mel Busse; ELDERS EMERITUS: Robert Clipp, Alfred Schell, William Caldwell, and Charles Fuchshuber; ELDERS: Ralph Church, Robert Hendricks, Cecil Rice, Ben Taylor, Dean Widler, Fred Smell, Janet Weicker, Merle Grimm, Glenn Miller, Steve Harter, Robert Rayl, Margaret Love, Jack Weicker, Ross Harter, Bert Leversee, Rolland Ripple. DIACONATE: Bruce Lehman, Homer Stevenson, Rose Jenkins, Russell Wortley, Susan Knuckles, Carole Lee, Edna Nordblom, Gary Falbe, Rocky Baugher, Marvin Crouse, Donald Short, Cory Church, Delores Keebortz, Rosemary Krull, Elinor Place, Ken Taylor, Doug Allen, Carol Cline, George Davis, Mildred Hartman, Bev Hendricks, Clarence Hetrick, Bob Pauley

SERVING JUNE 26

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Schilling and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Ross Harter and Cecil Rice

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. S. Thompson, B. Lehman, E. Brown, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, S. Knuckles, R. Baugher, D. Short, R. Jenkins, G. Falbe, M. Crouse

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Lehman-SW, D. Allen-NW

10:45 A.M. R. Jenkins-SW, S. Knuckles-NW, R. Baugher-SE, D. Short-NE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Edna Nordblom & Carol Cline

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. P. Bickel

10:45 A.M. S. Davis, C. Busse, K. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 717 Mrs. Norma Lindeman

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To Gary and Carolyn Falbe, a son, Brendon Scott, on 6/16/77. Maternal grandparents are Art & Lillian Busse and maternal great grandmother is Ethel King.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Jimmy Dee Stephens and Elva Marie Sheets on 6/18/77. They are residing at 4810 Reed St. 06.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

MRS. VIRGINIA DALE (JENNIE) HARTER, 1242 Northlawn, 05, 483-1693, made a recommitment of life to Christ and identified with our congregation Sunday during Meditative Worship. We rejoice in the transformation and life she is finding. Her husband, Gene, operates New Exteriors and also manages the Golden Dome and Iron Out. Jennie has five sons--three are grown of which two are married and two sons in the home--Glen a senior at North Side and Troy an eighth grader at Lakeside. She received an Associate Degree from Purdue a year ago.

CYF CAR WASH SATURDAY

This Saturday--June 25th is the rescheduled CYF Car Wash on the church parking lot. Cars are cleaned inside and washed and dried outside. One-half of the donations for washing will go for the special offering for the Woodhaven Learning Center. Come between 9:00 and 3:00 this Saturday.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Don & Judi Passwater in the death in an automobile accident of their oldest son, Chris, last week. They reside at Rt. 5, Box 28, Long Acres, Shelbyville, IN. 46176.

To Earl Snouffer and family in the death of his father, Earl W. Snouffer, on 6/14/77.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD - JUNE 14, 1977

Upon recommendation of the Evangelism Committee, the board moved that all adult level Church School classes be encouraged to schedule a five week series to study THE COMPANY OF THE COMMITTED by Elton Trueblood to be led either by Steve Harter or the regular teacher. A set of books will be provided for the period of the study to see the issues commitment and lat involvement in ministry.

The Board affirmed action for the Every Home Plan of subscriptions to THE DISCIPLE in order to gain a savings in cost. There was a follow up motion in which any receiving THE DISCIPLE who do not read or use it should contact the office now to cancel a future subscription and any who desire to receive it but are not now are to contact the office.

Action was taken for a retreat at Camp Barbee on September 9 and 10. Steve Harter, Connie Wells, and Bill Love are to work with staff in formulating plans. Because of increase in prices for glass communion cups, economy is the basis of moving towards replacing our cups with disposable plastic cups. Finally action was taken for posting and locking our parking lot to try to minimize damage and to try to respond to complaints of neighbors of late hour noise and disturbance.

The following members were recognized for completing terms and ending board service at this time: Nancy Wortley, Merle Grimm, Mark Snyder, Paul Yentes, Bert Leversee, Bob Hendricks, Ennis Brown, Marge Lehman, Edna Nordblom.

Future dates included: June 26 at 10:45 A.M. - Installation Service; October 4, November 8 and December 6 for coming Board meetings in addition to the September retreat.

The deficit in the basic operating fund or Program Support decreased by over $2,000. It would have been eliminated had it not been for low giving the last two Sundays of May. We need to end with strong giving in June in an attempt to begin our new church program year in the black on July 1. We were in the red $1,329.35 at the end of May. Let's wipe it out by June 30th!

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!

In the quiet and comfort of our air-conditioned worship Nave, join in worship at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. Sunday - Sermon, "LIVING AS A COVENANTED PEOPLE". Celebration Worship at 8:00 in the Parlor will focus on SEVEN MEANINGS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. Let worship set the stage for a seven-story week.

FAMILY VACATION SCHOOL

Come and bring a carload of all ages from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. this coming week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings.

For Adults: Bible Study on the Letter to the Philippians led by Dr. Cline; An Evening for Parents led by Miriam Bixenman.

For Youth: CYF - Steve Doles
Chi Rho - Bob & Sharon Pauley

For Children: Graded Classes including Grades 5 & 6 down through Nursery Class and Child Care for families involved.

JOIN THE THREE NIGHTS OF OUR FAMILY VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL!

D.M.A. PICNIC TUESDAY

12:00 Noon at Franke Park on Tuesday, the 28th (we will meet at the church in case of rain). Outside activities - Potluck meal See African Veldt-Hosting: Henry & Ethel Flowers & Delmas Young.

WOODHAVEN LEARNING CENTER

$207 has been given to date in over-and-above giving for the Woodhaven Learning Center at Columbia, MO. This next Sunday marks the end of this effort. Such giving must be clearly marked for this unique ministry to children and youth with great needs.

PLAN NOW!! 7:00 P.M. SUNDAY JULY 3 -- PATRIOTIC AND GOSPEL SING ALONG - led by Rolland Ripple, Sara Davis, Mel Busse, Jerry Zimmerman, Don & Vee Parlette. Come for a night of singing - 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED VEGETABLES & FRUIT, TUNA, NOODLES, JELLO, MILK

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JUNE 24
7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee
SATURDAY, JUNE 25
9:00 - 3:00 P.M. CYF CAR WASH
SUNDAY, JUNE 26
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
MONDAY, JUNE 27
7:00 P.M. Chi Rho
TUESDAY, JUNE 28
12:00 Noon DMA Picnic - Franke Park
7:00 P.M. VCS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29
7:00 P.M. VCS
THURSDAY, JUNE 30
1:30 P.M. Calling
7:00 P.M. VCS

FIRST ALL-CHURCH CAMP OUT

Our first all church family camp out will be Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday, July 8, 9, & 10. We will be camping at Twin Mills Camp Ground, near Angola. We do need reservations and a deposit of $4.50 per family in order to reserve camp sites. Please register and pay your deposit to Miriam Bixenman or Betty & John Briggs by July 1. Watch next week's TIDINGS for full details.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
JUNE 26 - JULY 2

John Morris	Julie Skaggs
Bob Pauley	Jo Flickinger
Eural Rose	Janice Ashton
Barbara Short	Marvel Brickley
Vada Tatman	Daniel Church
Denise Weddell	Eva Crowell
Ruth Yost	Gerald Elser, Sr.
Anna Chasar	Steve Frappier
Debra Fishering	Mildred Hartman
Gary York	Stella Houk

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CHURCH CALENDAR

NDAY, JULY 3
15 & 10:45 A.M. Worship Hours
30 A.M. Church School
00 P.M. Patriotic & Gospel
Sing-a-long
NDAY, JULY 4
urch Office Closed
ESDAY, JULY 5
00 P.M. CYF at Cline's
ONESDAY, JULY 6
00 P.M. College & Career
at the church
URSDAY, JULY 7
30 P.M. Calling
IDAY - SUNDAY, JULY 8-10
-church camp out Twin
ls Camp Ground (details
page three)

PANTRY NEEDS
CANNED VEGETABLES & FRUIT
TUNA, NOODLES, JELLO,
POWDERED MILK

Child Care for the very young.
me and bring friends to this
ng-a-long in our air-condition-
worship nave!

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

At the 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. hours, Dr. Cline will be preaching on "In God We Trust". This is based on Isaiah 1-39 and Psalms 46. If you cannot read all of this Isaiah section, read at least chapters 25, 26, 30, 31, 32.

We rea recognizing the impingement of our faith upon our national and political life as Christians on this holiday weekend.

Special music during both hours will be by a quartet including Don and Leta Cook of West Creighton and Sara Davis and Mel Busse of our congregation.

PATRIOTIC AND GOSPEL SONG SING-A-LONG 7:00 P.M.

Celebration Worship will be replaced and is earlier so that all may be home by dark for this night of singing.

We will be singing patriotic songs, Gospel Songs, Spirituals, and some request songs. Leading the singing will be Rolland Ripple, Sara Davis, Mel Busse, and Don Parlette. Accompanying the singing on the piano and organ will be Sara Davis, Vee Parlette, and Jerry Zimmerman.

SERVING JULY 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and Fred Smell

10:45 A.M. Robert Hendricks and William Love

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. P. Yentes, C. Hetrick, C. Church, S. Rayl

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen, K. Taylor, E. Nordblom, A. Benny, R. Krull, G. Davis, E. Conrad, B. Hendricks

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. P. Yentes-NW, C. Hetrick-SW

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen-NE, E. Nordblom-NW, K. Taylor-SE, A. Benny-SW

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mildred Hartman & Schellie Schell

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Sam & Barb Hayes

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. P. Akers

10:45 A.M. C. Akers, A. Benny, B. Finkhousen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 590 Mrs. Karen Flickinger

PARKVIEW: 447 Mrs. Helen Lobdell

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Nancy Faye Woodhull, a long time member on June 28, 1977. Sympathy is extended to her sister and family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SCHELLS!

Al and Emma Schell celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversery this past weekend.

SPECIAL WOODHAVEN GIVING

Thanks to our CYF who added $61.71 from their car wash and to all givers who helped us mail this week a check for $375.00 as a special over-and-above gift for the financial crisis at the Woodhaven Learning Center in Columbia, MO.

JUNE AVERAGES

Church Worship	270
Church School	122
Through-the-Week	36
Program Support	$2,324.82
Building Fund	278.72

NEW MEMBER DURING JUNE

Mrs. Jennie Harter

FORMER PASTOR HONORED

George Wascovich, who served as pastor here from 1956-1966 was recognized with an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Christian Theological Seminary on June 5.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Margaret Love and family in the death of her mother, Mrs. Robina Scott in California on June 22.

THANK YOU:

I wish to convey my thanks to Dr. Cline and the staff for their many visits and consoling prayers and to all my friends at the church who remembered me with cards and good wishes.

Gladys Hoop

REMEMBER TO WORSHIP WHILE AWAY ON VACATION. SHARE YOUR VACATION WORSHIP BULLETINS WITH US. TURN IN TO CHURCH OFFICE.

CALLING ALL CAMPING FAMILIES!

The first all church family camp out is Friday through Sunday, July 8-10, at Twin Mills Camp Ground, near Howe, Indiana. This will be a fellowship, recreation, growth, and worship experience. The John Briggs family is in charge of reservations, and the LAOS Group, with Mel Busse as contact person, is in charge of the study and growth experiences.

To reach Twin Mills, take Rt. 3 (Northrup Ave.) north to Kendallville. Turn left (west) to Rt. 6 at the north end of Kendallville. Take this to Rt. 9 (about 4 miles) Turn north (right) on Rt. 9 to Howe, Indiana, and turn left on Rt. 120. You will see signs advertising Twin Mills. Go about 2 miles on 120. On the left, you will see two Twin Windmills, and on the right the office for the camp ground.

There will be a discussion, growth experience on Friday evening, a 1 hour session Saturday morning, camp-fire worship, singing, and discussion on Saturday evening, to which others not camping with us are invited and a 1 hour Bible Study on Sunday morning The LAOS Group includes Mel Busse, Ruby Cline, Karen Elkins, Marlene Crouse, Sharon Pauley, and Dean and Elsie Widler. Miriam Bixenman is the staff person for this camp-out.

If you wish to go, be sure to pay your $4.50 registration fee (one night's camp site fee) to Mrs. Bixenman before July 3. Plan for

(continued next column)

SUMMER DMA ACTIVITIES

BUS TRIP TO WAGON WHEEL PLAYHOUSE on Tuesday evening, July 26. $7.00 per person for bus and ticket to see "Little Mary Sunshine." Limited to first 46 reservations. Send names and check to church office for reservations.

Guests are welcome. This is open to any retired or widowed or in this general age range. We will meet to board the bus at 6:30 P.M. Curtain time has been moved up to 8:00 P.M.

"Little Mary Sunshine" is a Rocky Mountain setting early in the century with Captain Jim and his troop of forest rangers being hosted by Little Mary and the Young Ladies of the Eastchester Finishing School at their Colorado Inn. It is a melodious take-off on the rousing, romantic operatta of yesteryear, with thundering choruses, schmaltzy waltzes, and lilting duets. This is a fun show of the innocent, wild west which played nearly three years in New York.

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW!

REGULAR AUGUST POTLUCK AT CHURCH Tuesday, August 23 at Noon - Program: Slides by Henry & Ethel Flowers. Hosting: Audean Ashe, Dessie Buchman, Thelma Jackson, Fern Strole.

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one shared pot luck meal on Saturday evening. Sites will be reserved, so campers can arrive any time Friday evening, or early Saturday morning.

NEW CWF LEADERSHIP

The following were installed last Tuesday to lead our Christian Women's Fellowship in the coming year: Co-Presidents: Andrea Benny and Sandy Zimmerman; First Vice-President: Ruby Mowery; Second-Vice-President: Rosemary Krull; Recording Secretary: Pam Bickel; Corresponding Secretary: Marilyn Byers; Treasurer: Janet Weicker; Study & Literature: Barbara Short; Worship: Sharon Pauley; Service: Connie Wells; Membership: Ruby Mowery & Rosemary Krull; Visitation: Delores Overmyer; House: Val Taylor; Cheer & Friendship: Laura Marks; Legislation: Miriam Bixenman; Fellowship of the Least Coin: Ruby Cline; Nomination: Rose Jenkins; Publicity & Telephone: Clair Schryver.

CYF NEWS

The CYF will be meeting Tuesday, July 5th at the Cline's at 7:00 P. M. We will be making final plans for our trip to Cedar Point on July 12 so all who plan to go on that trip please attend this meeting Don't forget your swimsuit!

LIBRARY NEWS

Our Library in Room 130 now has a gift picture over the fireplace donated by Mrs. Ethel Flowers. There is also an art display in the room. Recent new books include JESUS OF NAZARETH and many new children's books.

COLLEGE & CAREER GROUP WILL BE MEETING AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 6th!

ATTENTION ALL ELDERS!

Important Elder meeting at 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 12 concerning Sunday serving, general responsibilities, shepherding groups, and long range study. We need R. Church, R. Hendricks, C. Rice, B. Taylor, D. Widler, F. Smell, J. & J. Weicker, M. Grimm, G. Miller, S. Harter, R. Harter, R. Rayl, W. & M. Love, R. Johnson, B. Leversee, R. Eipple, G. Bruckman, B. Short.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
JULY 3-9, 1977

Patricia Sweet	*Clint Crowe*
Rebecca Webster	*Hazel Crouse*
Paul Yentes	*Ronald Elliott*
James Clausen	*Joan Franklin*
Bonnie Evans	*Tana Harter*
Benjamin McCarel	*Wanda Howell*
Randall Skaggs	*Paul Kenline*
Robert Cale	*Carl Linn*
Mildred Arruza	*Elizabeth Moody*
Debbie Brian	*Alfred Pattengale*

JULY CELEBRATION WORSHIP

JULY 3 - 7:00 P.M. - Patriotic and Gospel Sing-a-long.

JULY 10 - Chi Rho reflections of Mammouth Cave Trip.

JULY 17 - feature movie: CORRIE: BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE HIDING PLACE - A sequel which broadens the picture of the life of Corrie Ten Boon.

JULY 24 - CYF leading

JULY 31 - Talent night

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
All-Church Camp Out, Twin Mills Camp Ground

SUNDAY, JULY 10
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JULY 11
7:30 P.M. Calling

TUESDAY, JULY 12
CYF to Cedar Point
8:00 P.M. Elder's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13
9:00 A.M. Adventure Day
7:00 P.M. College & Career
8:00 P.M. Christmas Decorations Workshop

THURSDAY, JULY 14
1:30 P.M. Calling

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

We thank our choirs for their dedication and loyalty from September to June. We also appreciate the music arranged for the summer months.

June 19 - Pat Fountain
June 26 - Steve Hall & Bruce Lehman
July 3 - Mel Busse, Sara Davis, Don & Leta Cook
July 10 - Don and Valetta Parlette
July 17 - Sara Davis
July 24 - CYF girls ensemble
July 31 - Bernie Norman
August 7 - Don Parlette - Trumpet, Charlie Newman - Vocal
August 14 - Rebecca Stucky
August 21 - Mel Busse
August 28 - Rebecca Stucky
September 4 - Steve Hall & Bruce Lehman

CELEBRATION WORSHIP - 8:00 P.M.
The Chi Rho youth assisted by Miriam Bixenman, Valerie Williams, and Bruce Lehman will lead on the theme, "THE PATIENCE OF GOD" reflective of their recent trip to Mammouth Cave in Kentucky.

WORSHIP ON JULY 10
MORNING SERMON: "GIVE ME JUSTICE OR GIVE ME DEATH." - Based on the book of Amos. Read the collection of oracles of Amos in this small Old Testament book which were spoken to Israel - God's people about 750 B.C.

SERVING JULY 10

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Dean Widler

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. E. Place, K. Place, S. Thompson, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. S. Schell, H. Stevenson, C. Cline, S. Knuckles, R. Baugher, R. Jenkins, D. Short, G. Galbe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Cheavlier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Place-NW, K. Place-SW

10:45 A.M. S. Schell-NE, H. Stevenson-NW, C. Cline-SE, S. Knuckles-SW

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mildred Hartman & Schellie Schell

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Margaret Love - Bruce Lehman

Steve Harter - Mark Akers

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. S. Davis, S. Thompson, C. Cline

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW 447 Mrs. Helen Lobdell

LUTHERAN M-106 Mrs. Betty Brammel

578 Mr. Robert Hill

FUNERAL BY PASTOR

Mrs. Hazel Firestone, a member who first joined here in 1913, on 7/1/77. Sympathy is extended to her daughter-in-law and family.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Keith Erie Bickford and Laurinda Lane Duff on 7/1/77. They are residing at 1502½ Stophlet, 04.

COUPLE RESPOND TO INVITATION

MR. and MRS. MICHAEL R. AKERS, 4219 Beaver Ave., 07, 446-6816, identified with us in a transfer of membership during Meditative Worship. Mike comes from Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren and Pam comes from Trinity United Methodist Church. They are the parents of Andrew Michael, who was one on March 30. Mike sells for Safety Equipment and Supply Company and Pam is a surgical technician at Lutheran Hospital. He is a brother of Mark Akers also of our congregation.

CORRECTION OF ERRORS:

In the TIDINGS two weeks ago ten persons from the Board of Diaconate were not listed in the leadership article on page one They were: Susan Thompson, Pe Buskirk, Eunice Conrad, Max Finkhousen, Robert Orr, Eileen Klepfer, Ken Place, Sue Allen, Scot Rayl, and Schellie Schell.

In the TIDINGS of last week there were two errors. Our special giving for Woodhaven Learnin Center was $325 rather than $375 Our Program Support for June averaged $2,075.32 weekly rather than $2,324.82. Please accept these mistakes!

THANK YOU:

"Thank you for the many cards and flowers. Thank you for your many expressions of love and prayer. God bless you for taking the time to care about our loss of Chris. You are beautiful people

In Christ,

Judie, Don, Lori, Dave & Rachel Passwater

ENABLING CHRIST'S MISSION AND MINISTRY DURING 1977

Our Program Support or Budget Giving or Operating Fund of the church (whatever name you give it) has been at a peak giving level for the past six months, but has not quite met our needed goal.

We need to catch up giving of those with commitments and who are behind a total of $3,988.10 as of June 30. Thanks for some extra giving we are only behind $2,308.04 in giving level. We have decreased our fund deficit from $2,640.04 to $799.45. Property Expenses have over run budgeted expectations by over $2,000. The lack of funds have caused us to be $4,000 in Outreach Mission expenditures.

JANUARY 1, 1977 - JUNE 30, 1977

PROGRAM SUPPORT EXPENSES	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pastoral Ministry	$ 19,689.10	$ 19,996.00
Office Ministry	9,430.04	9,640.00
Educational Program	1,948.40	2,100.00
Evangelism Witness	260.30	325.00
Membership Development	915.30	1,125.00
Property Expenses	12,245.85	9,850.00
Stewardship Development	301.26	1,520.00
Facilitating Worship	3,208.23	3,115.00
Local Outreach	1,748.89	2,375.00
World Wide Outreach	4,000.00	7,850.00

We call on every friend and member to give in proportion to income. As income increases or decreases, giving should reflect a responsible percentage either way.

BASIC COMMITMENT - $1 per week in giving per $1,000 annual income
TITHE COMMITMENT - $2 per week in giving per $1,000 annual income
SACRIFICIAL COMMITMENT - $3 per week in giving per $1,000 in annual income

JESUS SAID, "WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO."

SUMMER CAMP & CONFERENCE

We will have a commissioning service at 10:45 A.M. on Sunday, July 17. NOW is the time to act to register for weeks still coming. We would like to have at least 10 more youth in this program of Christian community and growing.

WORK CAMP AT HAZEL GREEN 6/12-18:
Youth: Carol Cline, Clint Crowe, Gary York. Counselor: Steve Doles.

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CAMP 7-8 AT BARBEE 7/11-16
Counselor: Valerie Williams

CAMP 5-6 AT BARBEE 7/18-23
Youth: Ric Baugher, Bob Briggs, Julie Cook, Sharon Knuckles, Tim Knuckles, Sherri Melchi, Katherine Siler, Director: Miriam Bixenman.
Counselors: Peg Buskirk, Marlene Crouse, Steve Doles, Bruce Lehman

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CAMPS & CONFERENCES (from page 3)
CAMP 7-8 AT BARBEE 7/25-30
Youth: Tim Briggs, Eric Jenkins
CAMP 9-10 AT BARBEE 7/31-8/6
Counselor: Valerie Williams
CAMP 11-12 AT BARBEE 8/7-13
Youth: Cory Church, Carol Cline, Anne Lee, Kathy Lee, Diana Wortley.
Counselors: Steve Doles, Connie Wells
TURN IN REGISTRATION FORM AND ½ FEES NOW TO PARTICIPATE THIS SUMMER!

DO YOU HAVE A TALENT TO SHARE?

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ALL CHURCH CAMP OUT

The All Church Camp Out at Twin Mills Camp Ground this week end will be a growing, learning, fellowship experience. Families who will be camping and participating in the experiences include: the Mel Busse family, the John Briggs family, Miriam Bixenman, Peg Buskirk, and Marlene Crouse; Eunice Conrad and Sally Rudy; the Ed Jenkins family; the Bob Pauley family; and the Monty Tobias family. Others who would care to do so are invited to come up and join us for the pot luck supper and campfire worship on Saturday evening.

ATTENTION ALL ELDERS!

Important Elder meeting at 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 12 concerning **Sunday serving, general responsibilities, shepherding groups, and long range study.** We need Ralph Church, Robert Hendricks, Cecil Rice, Ben Taylor, Dean Widler, Fred Smell, Jack & Janet Weicker, Merle Grimm, Glenn Miller, Steve Harter, Ross Harter, Robert Rayl, William & Margaret Love, Robert Johnson, Bert Leversee, Rolland Ripple, George Bruckman, Barbara Short.

KINDERGARTEN - SECOND GRADE ADVENTURE DAY

The annual Adventure Day for children who will enter public school Kindergarten this fall (1977) or who were in Kindergarten this past year, or who have completed first or second grade will be on Wednesday, July 13. We will meet here at the church at 9:00 A.M. and go to Franke Park Zoo. Cost for each child is $1.00 which includes admission to the zoo, a train ride through the African Veldt, one ride (either on the horses, the minature train, or the boats), and refreshments. Be sure to be in the church parking lot by 9:00 A.M. if you wish to go. We will return here at 11:45 A.M. when children may be picked up.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
JULY 10-16, 1977

Doug Rogers	Audean Ashe
Edna Shoe	Jack Brickley
Morris Swift	Adalee Clifton
Patty Campbell	Virginia Clausen
Troy Yeoman	Sandra Elser
Mabel Truelove	Elizabeth Flesher
James Fick	Ross Harter
Sally McMahon	Howard Howell
Twyla Streeter	Ethel King
Kathy Caldwell	Barbara Love

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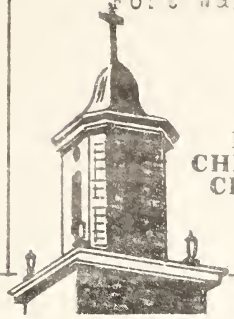

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CAMP AND CONFERENCE COMMISSIONING

Our several opportunities for growth in Summer Camp and Conference Programs is upon us. We rejoice in the 7 adults and 17 youth who have or ill participate this summer.

Our youth to be commissioned for coming weeks include: Ric Baugher, Bob riggs, Julie Cook, Sharon Knuckles, Tim Knuckles, Sherri Melchi, Katherne Siler, Tim Briggs, Eric Jenkins, Mai Pauley, Cory Church, Carol Cline, nne Lee, Kathy Lee, and Diana Wortley. Counselors include: Valerie Williams, Peg Buskirk, Marlene Crouse, Steve Doles, Bruce Lehman, and Connie ells. Miriam Bixenman is directing a week.

In addition we wish to recognize the four who went to the Hazel Green ork Camp during June namely, Carol Cline, Cline Crowe, Gary York, and teve Doles.

This commissioning for Camp and Conference will be during the early part f our Divine Worship at 10:45 A.M. this Sunday. We hope to have all present who are participating this summer.

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON

"HOSEA: THE LOVE OF GOD" - Read all 14 chapters of Hosea or at east chapters 1,2,3 and 11:1-9. Sara Davis is soloist both morning hours. ome and gain the perspective that comes from expressing praise and thanks n corporate worship.

MOVIE SUNDAY AT 8:00 P. M.

CORRIE: BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE HIDING PLACE

Our Celebration Worship will be replaced this Sunday evening with the eature film CORRIE, beginning at 8:00 P.M. in our Worship Nave.

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SERVING JULY 17

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Bert Leverage and Ross Harter

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown, D. Allen, C. Yentes, C. Church

10:45 A.M. W. Bowen, D. Wortley, C. Schwartz, B. Love, M. Byers, M. Akers, R. Orr, S. Allen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown-NW, D. Allen-SW

10:45 A.M. W. Bowen-NE, D. Wortley-NW, C. Schwartz-SE, B. Love-SW

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Elinor Place and Andrea Benny

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. P. Norman, N. Lucas, N. Hendricks

IN HOSPITAL

LUTHERAN: M106 Mrs. Betty Brammel

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Panaiot Peter Geroff and Susan Sheeks on 7/10/77. They are residing at 7530 Lakeridge 19, 747-6323.

"Warm, loving, sincere, outreaching and filled with God's spirit--- You are all dear and I thank you for your brightness during my hospital and recovery days. With all of you I have a warm deep feeling in my heart of belonging."

Jesus' blessings,

Karen Flickinger

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NEW INDIANA REGIONAL STAFF

Morris Finch is coming from the pastorate of First Christian Church Greencastle on August 1 and John Wolfersberger is coming from Executive Minister of the Christian Church of Greater Kansas City on September 1 as Regional Associate Ministers of the Christian Church in Indiana. They replace Lewis McPherren who is now Regional Minister of Virginia and Jim Keown who is giving full time to the forthcoming Capital Funds effort.

THANK YOU:

Dear Friends:

The rest of the family joins me in expressing appreciation for your thoughtfulness and sympathy at the death of my aunt, Fay Woodhull. Both the flowers and the personal contact of visiting us at the funeral home meant a great deal at a difficult time. Her church meant much to Fay.

Sincerely,

Marilyn B. Achey

(Niece)

LEADERSHIP ROTATION

Several weeks ago we listed our leadership team for the new church year which began on July 1. We want to list those who have served and have ended terms as of June 30. We say thank you for your dedication and loyalty expressed through various responsibilities. OFFICERS: Nancy Wortley, secretary; Andrew Cook, treasurer; Ronald Flickinger, Memorial Fund treasurer; CHAIRPERSONS: Merle Grimm, Stewardship; Mark Snyder, Membership; Paul Yentes, Property; Ben Taylor, Chairman of Elders. BOARD REPRESENTATIVES: Robert Hendricks, Ennis Brown, Marge Lehman, Edna Nordblom. ELDERS: William Franklin, William Schilling, Mark Snyder. DIACONATE: Samuel Hayes, James Taylor, Delmas Young, Amelia Dare, Mary Lou Hartzler, Marge Lehman. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

THE DISCIPLE MAGAZINE TO HOMES

For several years, the church has been supplying member homes with THE DISCIPLE. We are currently at the point of renewal for the coming two years.

We believe that this journal of articles, inspiration, columns, church news, and other data of the Christian Church in particular and the report of major ecumenical concerns is a valuable resource coming into each home. We believe that it is a wise investment of church money to spend $9.95 for the 48 copies over two years in the homes of our congregation.

Yet, we realize that this is not a good stewardship of money if the magazine is merely tossed aside and not read or wanted in any way by the members of the family. Some of our members both read it and pass it on for the reading of others.

Here is the issue: We desire
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MOVIE: "CORRIE" from page one

Many saw the movie, THE HIDING PLACE. This movie allows people to have a deeper look and hear Corrie Ten Boom as she shares her memories about life in Holland, her family, and her lifetime of service to others. Corrie Ten Boom, now in her eighties, has a tremendous vitality, a deep spiritual commitment, and a profound love for her fellowmen. This film transmits a part of her zest, personality, and source of strength. It also includes interesting highlights on the cast and crew who filmed, THE HIDING PLACE.

A free will offering will be received at the door for the film usage. Come and bring the family for this showing in our air conditioned worship nave!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 17

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship (Camp & Conference Commissioning)
8:00 P.M. Movie: "CORRIE" in Worship Nave

MONDAY, JULY 18

7:00 P.M. CYF

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

2:00 P.M. Macrame Class (for information, call Pauline Horn)
7:00 P.M. College & Career

THURSDAY, JULY 21

7:30 P.M. Calling

DMA BUS TRIP TO WAGON WHEEL

The DMA is sponsoring a bus trip to the Wagon Wheel Playhouse in Warsaw to see "Little Mary Sunshine" on Tuesday, July 26. The bus will leave the parking lot at 6:30 P.M. Curtain time for the play is 8:00 P.M.

Cost is $7.00 per person for bus and ticket. Limited to first 46 reservations. Send names and check to church office.

Guests are welcome! This is open or any retired or widowed or in this general age range.

"Little Mary Sunshine" is in a Rocky Mountain setting early in the century with Captain Jim and his troop of forest rangers being hosted by Little Mary and the Young Ladies of the Eastchester Finishing School at their Colorado Inn. It is a melodious takeoff on the rousing romantic operatta of yesteryear, with thundering chorus, schmaltzy waltzes, and lilting duets. This is a fun show of the innocent, wild west which played nearly three years in New York.

WE ARE CONTINUING TO COLLECT ITEMS FOR "MY MOTHER'S CUPBOARD". CALL IRENE CURRENT (mornings) for info.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

NDAY, JULY 24
15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
30 A.M. Church School
00 P.M. Celebration Worship
NDAY, JULY 25
30 P.M. Calling
ESDAY, JULY 26
30 P.M. Bus leaves parking lot for Wagon Wheel Playhouse
00 P.M. Quilting
DNESDAY, JULY 27
00 P.M. Movie, "Snoopy Come Home"
00 P.M. Macrame Class
30 P.M. Movie, "Snoopy Come Home"
URSDAY, JULY 28
30 P.M. Calling
IDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
ll-Church Camp Out
hain-O-Lakes

PANTRY NEEDS:

CANNED MEAT, TUNA, SOUP, POWDERED MILK, OATS

MEDITATIVE WORSHIP - 8:15 A.M.

"God, I'm so impressionable, I so quickly assimilate the attitudes, the characteristics the philosophies of the world around me. That's why I so desperately need this time to be with you. Away from the world and from myself. Let me be impressionable now, superimpose your mind upon mine, make my nature and personality unmistakably like yours. Leave me forever marked with this meeting, stamped indelibly with the evidence of your presence. Amen."

from COME ALIVE Jul-Aug, 1977

MORNING SERMON - 8:15 and 10:45 A.M.

Prepare by memorizing this scripture, *"HE HAS SHOWED YOU, O MAN, WHAT IS GOOD; AND WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU BUT TO DO JUSTICE, AND TO LOVE KINDNESS, AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD?"* Micah 6:8
Dr. Cline is preaching on "ENDURING LIFE STYLES."

CELEBRATION WORSHIP - 8:00 P.M.

The CYF and Steve Doles will lead this worship experience.

SERVING JULY 24

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Rayl and Ben Taylor

10:45 A.M. Janet Weicker and Glenn Miller

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman, C. Hetrick, E. Place, K. Place

10:45 A.M. R. Krull, E. Conrad, G. Davis, B. Hendricks, M. Finkhousen, E. Nordblom, K. Taylor, A. Benny

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman-NW, C. Hetrick-SW

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-NE, E. Conrad-NW, G. Davis-SE, B. Hendricks-SW

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Barbara Short - Marvin Crouse

Glenn Miller - Russ Wortley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

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NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. B. Schwartz, S. Fleck, M. Baugher

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 701 Mrs. Deann Halbrook

LUTHERAN: W-4 Michael Pence

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Barbara Busse and family in the sudden death of her father, Maurice Allen, last Tuesday evening.

To Charlie Newman and family in the death of his mother in Anderson on Friday.

To Dorothy Merriman in the death of her sister, Mabel Shearer, in Canton, Ohio, last Saturday.

CALLING ALL CAMPERS!

The next Church Camp Out will b July 29-31 at Chain-O-Lakes. Staffing will be Steve Doles an Dr. Cline. Contact the church of fice if you plan to go. The CY is going as a family group.

"LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE"

We still have room for some mor to attend this musical at Wago Wheel Playhouse next Tuesday. W load here at 6:30 P.M. Cost i $7.00 per person for bus and show Contact the church office NOW!

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Melvin Robert Carpenter and Mildred Elizabeth Peterson on 7/16/7 They are residing at 2737 W. Washington, Trailor #103, 08 489-4623

THANK YOU NOTES

"Thanks to Dr. Cline, Miriam Bierman, and Valerie Williams f their visits while I was in t hospital. Also my thanks to ot ers for their prayers, cards, an calls."

Sincerely,
Maude Donahue

"The flowers were so lovely and were greatly appreciated durin our recent sorrow." Thank you.

Merle Firestone
(daughter-in-law of Hazel)

YEARBOOK OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES - REPORT FOR JULY 1, 1976 - JUNE 30, 1977

	1976	1977
PARTICIPATING MEMBERS	569	529
Non-Participating Members	302	305

ADDITIONS - By Confession & Baptism: 5; By Transfer: 18
CHANGE IN PARTICIPATION - 45 from Participating; 15 to Participating
REMOVALS - By Transfer Out - 20 non-Participating; 22 Participating
By request - 5 non-Participating; 1 Participating
By death - 2 non-Participating; 10 Participating

CHURCH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 301 CWF PARTICIPANTS: 120

TOTAL CHURCH FINANCES	INCOME	EXPENSES
Local Operating	$95,641	$95,813
Property Improvement	18,845	28,661
Local & World Outreach	26,486	26,401
TOTALS FOR ALL CHURCH	$140,972	$150,875

PROPERTY REPORT: Value - $950,000; Church debts as of June 30 - $14,000; Permanent Funds as of June 30 - $48,847; Increase in Year - $229.

TOTAL CHURCH OUTREACH MINISTRY FOR CHURCH YEAR

CHRISTIAN CHURCH OUTREACH *Operating Costs for Regional Program & General Church; Homeland & Overseas Ministries; Colleges & Seminaries; Benevolent Homes*	$ 11,738.29
WEEK OF COMPASSION *Relief & Rehabilitation in World*	3,647.16
RECONCILIATION *Ministries to Hurting in our land*	2,150.00
ASSOCIATED CHURCHES *Weekday Christian Education, Campus Minister at IUPU-FW, Community Ecumenicity*	4,010.63
CHURCH VOCATION PROGRAM *Interns & Scholarships*	2,605.00
LOCAL BENEVOLENCE *Pantry, Helping Hand, Radio Broadcast*	1,486.45
ECUMENICAL WITNESS *American Bible Society, National & World Councils*	535.00
UNICEF - *Aid collected by Youth*	108.00
KOREAN ORPHAN - *Berean Class Project*	120.00
(REPORT CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)	$ 26,400.53

YEARBOOK REPORT (from page 3)

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AVERAGES - Church Year - 283

July-September, 1976	245
October-December, 1976	310
January-March, 1977	259
April-June, 1977	317

(Wow! The wintry cold and snow took its toll!)

SOME GIVING AVERAGES:

Per Capita Giving to Church - $ 266.49
Per Capita Giving to Others - 49.91
Per Centage of giving for Others - 18.73%

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MOVIE: "SNOOPY COME HOME"

On Wednesday, July 27, at 2:00 and 7:30 P.M., we will have our annual movie, for good, clean, family fun. The movie scheduled for this year is entitled, "SNOOPY COME HOME", depicting that much loved beagle, Snoopy, created by famed cartoonist, Charles Schultz. Snoopy plays the Good Samaritan and goes to visit the little girl who formerly owned him, braving nurses, "No Dogs Allowed" signs and other obstacles, while the Peanuts Gang frantically searches for him. Donations for the movie is 50¢ for children under 12 and $1.00 for adults. Come and bring the entire family for an evening of fun!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
JULY 24-30, 1977

Lorea Kuhlman	*William Houk*
Sue Ann Ludwig	*Dennis Smith*
Pam Akers	*Kathy Jackson*
Debra Nordblom	*Allen Blanton*
Richard Skelton	*Arthur Chevalier*
Susan Rousseau	*Marjorie Copeland*
Michael Stone	*Dianna Duly*
Edna Vaught	*Patricia Erdly*
John Williams III	*Bruce Finkhousen*
Jefferson Young	*Reba Fusselman*

COLLEGE AND CAREER:

All high school graduates who are still single are invited at 9:30 A.M. each Sunday to Room 132 for an Introductory Study of the New Testament led by Dr. Cline. Next Sunday the study is based on I Corinthians. Come and join this serious Bible study group of singles of the college and career group.

SIX MONTH PANTRY REPORT:

Our Pantry Program in working cooperation with the Welfare Department continues summer and winter. We accept referrals of Social Workers to help when other help is not available. It is for emergency food for three days or emergency children's clothing needs.

JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30, 1977:

Referrals - 63
Food - 57
Clothing 6 (8 children)
Days of food - 165
Adults served - 75
Children served - 154
Individual meals - 2,034

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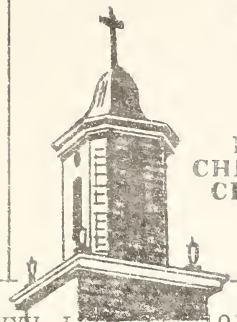

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CHURCH CALENDAR

RIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
All-Church Camp Out at
Chain-O-Lakes

UNDAY, JULY 31
:15 & 10:45 A.M. Worship Hours
:30 A.M. Church School
:00 P.M. Gospel Seekers Party
at Clines
:30 P.M. Chi Rho meet at church
to go to Briggs for party
:00 P.M. Talent Celebration

ONDAY, AUGUST 1
:30 A.M. CWF Executive Committee
:00 P.M. CYF at Clines

UESDAY, AUGUST 2
:00 A.M. Craft Day

EDNESDAY, AUGUST 3
:30 A.M. Christmas Ideas
:00 P.M. Macrame Class
:00 P.M. College & Career at
Clines

HURSDAY, AUGUST 4
:30 P.M. Calling

PANTRY NEEDS: PEANUT BUTTER,
CEREAL, SOUP, CANNED MEAT

SERVING JULY 31

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Margaret Lowe and Cecil Rice

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and Steve Harter

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. S. Rayl, B. Thompson, B. Lehman, E. Brown

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, S. Jenkins.

CWF EXECUTIVE MEETING

There will be a very important CWF Executive Committee meeting on Monday, August 1, at 9:30 A.M. It is imperative that everyone be present.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

Our Chi Rho is sponsoring a summer paper drive on Saturday, August 6. Papers should be brought to the church before that date by 9:00 that morning. If you need pick up of papers, please notify Valerie Williams in the church office by August 2. All donations will be appreciated.

ELEMENTARY AGE CRAFT DAY

On Tuesday morning, August 2, from 9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M., we will have a craft "Make It" day in Fellowship Hall for all children who will be entering first grade this fall through those who will be entering 7th grade this fall. Claire Schryver is in charge of the day. She will be assisted by Janet Wricker, Steve Doles, and Miriam Bixenman. Come, join the fun.

CHI RHO SWIM PARTY

All youth entering grades 7 and 8 this fall (plus our 9th grade regulars) are invited to a swim party at Tim Brigg's home, 5807 Fernwood, this Sunday, July 31, at 5:45 P.M. We will meet at the church at 5:30 and leave from here This will take the place of our regular Chi Rho meeting. Come on out and join in the fun! For info call Valerie Williams at the church - 744-3239.

THANK YOU NOTE

"Many thanks to Dr. Cline, Steve Doles, and Miriam Bixenman for their visits and prayers while I was in the hospital.

I also wish to thank those who sent cards." **Helen Lobdell**

TALENT NIGHT

This Sunday evening, July 31, at our regular Celebration Worship Hour, 8:00 P.M., we will have a talent night. Scheduled numbers to date include: Bruce Lehman and Steve Wall in a guitar-harmonica number, Janet Weicker with a vocal solo, Sara Towle and Mel Busse in a vocal duet; Barbara Short and "The Church Mouse tells all"; Don and Valeta Barlette with a piano-trumpet medley of songs; Sara Doyle with a dramatic reading; the second hour Nursery and Kindergarten children in three vocal numbers accompanied by Steve Doles; the CYF girls ensemble (Anne Dees, Kathy Lee, Carol Cline, and Diana Wortley accompanied by Steve Doles) in a brand new number; Steve Doles in a guitar-vocal number; Marilyn Byers with a story to tell; and Ed and Rose Jenkins in a vocal-guitar number. Be sure to come and enjoy the fun and fellowship. Communion will be set up in the chapel following the talent presentation for any desiring it. Any persons wishing to present an additional number are invited to come and let Miriam Bixenman know you have a number to present when you arrive. Child care for the very young will be provided.

FALL CWF RETREAT AT BARBEE - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

THEME: "Teach the World to Sing"
"To be spiritually awakened and see how our commitment relates to Global concerns."
TIME: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
THEOLOGIZER: Mae Yoho Ward - Dynamic retired Disciple Missionary and leader.
CHILD CARE: Provided at no extra cost - bring sack lunch for children.
COST INCLUDING LUNCH - $5.75.
SUGGESTED BACKGROUND BOOKS: THE SINGER - Calvin Miller; PASSAGES - Gail Sheehy; GLOBAL LIVING HERE AND NOW - James A. Scherer; LIVING THE GOOD LIFE - Helen & Scott Nearing; PRIORITIES AND PEOPLE - Henry Baker Adams; CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY IN A HUNGRY WORLD - Freudenberger & Minus.
BIBLICAL BACKGROUND: Psalms 40:3, James 2:17, I John 3:11-18, II Timothy 1:7; Matthew 28:19.

JUNIOR CHOIR DAY CAMP

Beginning August 15-19, at Trinity English Lutheran Church from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. for anyone who is in 3rd to 7th grade. A registration fee of $2.00 is charged. Each participant is to bring sack lunches (the drinks and dessert will be provided.) Activities include: Singing, crafts, a musical, films, handbells and other instruments. See Susan Jones or the church office for a registration form.

BAZAAR BLASTS!!

It's time to help us get out Plant Booth underway for the November All-Church Family Bazaar. We would appreciate cuttings from a wide variety of plants. When the cuttings are ready to put in pots, Nola Schilling, chairwoman of the Plant Booth, has pots available. Give her a call at 449-1202.

Keep collecting your items for "My Mother's Cupboard."

HIEFER PROJECT OF VCS

Our children in Vacation Church School provided for 100 chickens in their giving of $25.05 through the Hiefer Project. Thanks for all who shared in this ministry of enabling self-help to needy persons in our world.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JULY 31 to AUGUST 6, 1977

David Johnston	*Wanda Ingmire*
David Kreischer	*Doretha Baker*
Michael Akers	*Mildred Cobbs*
Joan Ott	*George Bruckman*
Marie Redman	*Sally Cline*
Mildred Sarrizin	*Christine Dailey*
Cheryl Sperry	*Sylvia Engle*
Willis Van Alstine	*Bruce Grimm*
Linda Wiley	*Mary Lou Hartzler*

Anita (Petty) Auman

Diane (Wilcoxson) Freimuth

THANK YOU

Thanks so much for the cards, calls, food, the choir's floral arrangement and other expressions of love and concern shown to us at the time of Barb's father's death.

Mel & Barbara Busse

Mary Allen

ALL-CHURCH CAMP OUT

Our second Camp Out will be at Chain-O-Lakes this weekend. There will be worship with communion at the campfire on Saturday night and Bible Study on Sunday morning. At the time of writing (known participants included the Ben Taylor family, Ed Jenkins family, Carl Schwartz family, Laura York & mother; Mel Busse family, Mrs. Bixenman and Peg Buskirk, the CYF as a family, and possibly the College and Careers as a family. Contact the office if you plan to attend.

THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS (copied)

Thinking that 3 hours of a fast-paced, violence-packed movie are harmless for children, but that 2 hours of worship and Church School on Sunday are too much for them to sit through, demands some reflections on our thinking!

Giving a child a dime for the Church School offering, but giving him $2. for the movies not only reflects a parent's sense of values, but teaches the child which is more important!

Being certain that a child gets his school assignment, but not sharing any interest as to whether he does his Church School lessons reveals very quickly to the child what is really important to learn.

The Apostle Paul put it this way: "Whatever a man plants, that will he also harvest." The good news is that parents and children can share together the good life in Christ, and teach each other the ways of God!

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TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN. . .

This is a letter to announce my resignation, as of August 1, from the position of Summer Intern.

My early resignation (I was scheduled to work through August 22) is my own decision. I feel a need to take time off in order to answer some questions that have been at work in my mind for the past several months.

The two and one-half months that I have spent as the Summer Intern have served as a reawakening to me, concerning the work of our church. I have come to realize the extreme amount of planning, giving, and caring which is necessary to keep the church alive.

And our church is alive! Three worship services--all to suit different tastes--are not something of which many churches can boast. I have enjoyed sharing in all three services; in particular the two morning services, which I have come to appreciate very much. Sitting twice through the sermon isn't bad! In fact, I never realized before how much I had missed by just listening to the sermons once through!

And the exciting part about our church is that it doesn't end on Sunday, after the last worship service! Our Chi Rho, CYF, CWF, College & Career, and DMA groups help to keep things alive throughout the week. Pantry calls provide an "in-city" outreach. Our Vacation Church School extended to neighborhood children, as well as children of members. Hospital calls and Special Care List visitions by the staff reach those who are not able to attend worship. Homebound Communion serves this purpose also.

I am proud of our church. I want to thank you for allowing me to share in the leadership. A special thanks to Steve, Harold, Barb, Marilyn and Mrs. B for the daily devotion times and for the overall love and patience they gave me.

And I have learned one other very important fact this summer. The best

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SERVING AUGUST 7

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and Ross Harter

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, B. Pauley, D. Allen, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. M. Byers, R. Orr, M. Akers, S. Allen, W. Bowen, D. Wortley, C. Schwartz, B. Love

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

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COMMUNION PREPARATION

Susan Thompson and Barbara Love

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Janet Weicker - Ken Taylor

Ben Taylor - Gary Falbe

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ron & Karen Flickinger

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. Arruza

10:45 A.M. J. Ott, A. Newman, D. Wortley

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 400 Mr. Richard Thompson
M-212 Mr. Steve Montgomery
ST. JOSEPH: 701 Mrs. Deann Halbrook
308 Mrs. Winnie May Ferguson
PARKVIEW: 445 Mrs. Jean McGrew

To the Congregation of FCC,
Our sincere thanks for your expressions of sympathy, cards, thoughts, and prayers.
Sincerely,
The Newman Family

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

Our Chi Rho Fellowship is sponsoring a paper drive this Saturday, August 6. Please bring any donations of papers to the church before 9:00 A.M. on Saturday or earlier in the week. If you have papers and need pick up, please contact Miriam Bixenman in the church office by noon on Thursday. All donations will be appreciated.

CHI RHO TEACHER CHANGE

Due to other commitments, Bernie Norman has resigned as teacher of our Chi Rho Church School Class. We thank Bernie for the almost three years he has taught this class. For the balance of this semester (through Labor Day) Miriam Bixenman will be the teacher, with Barbara Short as substitute. A new teacher will be enlisted to begin the new fall semester on September 11.

JULY AVERAGES

Worship	285
Church School	95
Through-the-Week	23
Program Support	$2,220.01
Building Fund	304.69

JULY ADDITIONS

Michael and Pamela Akers

OPEN WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. & Mrs. James Robinson
and
Mrs. John Wilhelm
invite you to share in the joy of the marriage of their children
Laura Ann & James Alan
This celebration of love will be Saturday, August 6, at 2:30 P.M. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Brooklyn and Hale.

ADVENTURE DAY FOR GRADES 3-6

This Monday, August 8, we will be having the final Adventure Day for this summer. We will be visiting Hyerly's Bakery in Ossian and will then go on to Bluffton to the Quibachi State Forest Preserve for a time in the out-of-doors. This Adventure Day is for all those in Grades 3-6. We will meet here at the church parking lot at 8:30 A.M. Bring a sack lunch for noon and money to go swimming in the pool at the Forest Preserve. Bring swim suits and a towel. Drink for the noon meal will be provided. There are also nature trails for hiking at the Preserve. We will return to the church at 4:00 P.M.

AUGUST CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Prayer - Harold Cline leading.

AUGUST DMA MEETING

29 attended the delightful musical, "Little Mary Sunshine" at Wagon Wheel last week. The next meeting will be Tuesday noon, August 23 at 12:00 noon at the church for a pitch-in. Henry & Ethel Flowers will show travel slides. Hosting are: Audean Ashe, Dessie Buchman, Thelma Jackson, and Fern Strole.

SUMMER BOARD MEETING

The new 1977-78 Board will convene at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, August 9 in the Conference Room. Important Reports of the end of the 1976-77 Program Year will be included along with business items about personnel on the Board and the church office, plans for the Board Retreat, and other goals towards this new program year.

Members needed and expected include: *Jack Weicker, William Love, Ramona Ketner, Ron Flickinger, George Davis, Jerry Zimmerman, Margaret Love, Earl Plummer, Connie Wells, Russ Wortley, Delores Keebertz, Andrew Cook, Ralph Church, Rose Jenkins, George Bruckman, Steve Harter, Ben Taylor, Bert Leversee, Bruce Lehman, Robert Orr, Mildred Hartman, Bev Hendricks, Amelia Dare, Mary Lou Hartzler, Robert Johnson, Janet Weicker, Carl Schwartz, Bob Pauley, Peg Buskirk, Carol Cline, Ruth Plummer, Mel Busse* and ex officio-*Miriam Bixenman* and *Harold Cline.*

FAITH AT WORK MEETING

The Fort Wayne Faith at Work meeting will be with Dean and Elsie Widler, 1918 Buckskin Drive in Deerfield Estates this Saturday evening from 8:00 to 10:00 P.M. The program includes a house blessing service to be led by Harold Cline. This ecumenical fellowship stressing relationship with God, self, others, and the world is open to any interested persons. Normally 15 to 20 congregations are represented at a meeting.

TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS (from page one)

way to bring about change and improvement in the church is through involvement of time, effort, and even money--not fruitless criticism. I've seen the church from both sides now, and although it may have weaknesses (it's made up of us humans, after all!), these weaknesses are far outweighed by its strengths and its potential for the future.

God Bless You,
Valerie

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6
9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive
2:00 P.M. CYF Swim Party at Bruckman's, 3729 South Drive
8:00 P.M. FAW, Widler's, 1918 Buckskin

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 8
8:30 A.M. Adventure Day
7:00 P.M. CYF
7:30 P.M. Calling

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10
7:00 P.M. College & Career

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11
1:30 P.M. Calling

PANTRY NEEDS FOOD!

On July 25, 26, 27 we provided 18 persons with three days of food or servings for 162 meals. This is in our emergency help program through Social Workers of the Welfare Department.

In order for the Pantry to give emergency heop, we need donations of food regularly. ONE food item per week from each family of the congregation would provide a big share of the continual need.

PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK! CANNED MEAT MACARONI & CHEESE DINNERS, CANNED FRUIT, SOUP, CEREAL, OATS, DIAPERS, P-NUT BUTTER

TWO DIALOGUE SERMONS

Steve Doles and Dr. Cline will join in Dialogue Sermons the next two Sunday mornings. On August 7 they will be preaching on "DEVELOPING A PILGRIM SPIRIT" based on Isaiah 43:18, 19; Philippians 3:7-16; II Corinthians 4:16-18; Hebrews 12:1, 2. On August 14th, they will preach on "PRIORITIZING VALUES" based on Luke 12:12-34 and II Corinthians 8 & 9.

NEXT CHURCH CAMP OUT

61 or our people participated during this past weekend at some time at Chain-O-Lakes plus about 15 guests for the worship on Saturday night.

The next weekend planned is August 19-21 at Chain-O-Lakes. Leading the weekend will be Ed & Rose Jenkins, and Miriam Bixenman. Contact them if you plan to attend.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
12:30 P.M. Staff at Clines
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
MONDAY, AUGUST 15
7:00 P.M. CYF
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17
7:00 P.M. College & Career
7:30 P.M. Fireside, Clines
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18
7:30 P.M. Calling

PANTRY NEEDS: P-NUT BUTTER, POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT, TUNA FISH, DIAPERS

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

Warm weather and rain has made this a growing season in our midst. I trust that all of us are finding a summer of growth and meaning for ourselves.

One of the delights around First Christian has been the large number of visitors and newcomers in our Worship hours. We have appreciated Valerie Williams and Steve Doles for the added youthfulness and zest they have given to worship. Steve and I are doing our second Dialogue Sermon this Sunday and he will be completely in charge on August 21 when I will be in Texas.

Our All Church Camp Outs have found new participants and meaningful fellowship by a good number of people this summer. Another is slated for the 19th to 21st and then a very special weekend for First Christian at Barbee Camp on September 9-11.

In spite of five Sundays when our weekly average normally dips, July budget giving was the second highest month of the year. The giving enabled us to come out of the red for the first time in many months. We rejoice in this summertime level of giving!

Many positive signs are abroad in our congregational life--we will shortly move into a full fall season--join us in prayer, in participation, and in a meaningful walk in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Harold E. Cline

SERVING AUGUST 14

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and Robert Rayl

10:45 A.M. Jack Weicker and Ben Taylor

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, C. Church, E. Place, K. Place

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen, E. Nordblom, K. Taylor, A. Benny, R. Krull, G. Davis, E. Conrad, B. Hendricks

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

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8:15 A.M. P. Bickel

10:45 A.M. B. Short, C. Busse, K. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 778 Mr. Leslie Futterer

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Kenneth Place and family in the death of his father, Alvey Place on August 5, 1977.

To Mrs. Cecile Chevalier in the death of her brother-in-law last week.

MEMORIAL BOOK

The Spice Group has given the book, TRAMP FOR THE LORD, by Corrie Ten Boom to the Church Library in Memory of Audrey Helmuth.

ANNIVERSERY DAY OF BUILDING

On Sunday, November 13, during Worship and with a congregational dinner we will celebrate 25 years in this building and location. All members for 25 years or more will be recognized. We are anxious for former members and friends especially those involved in 1952 and before to join us for the day. Mark your calendar! Spread the word!

TWO BEQUESTS IN PROCESS

Official word has been received by the church of special bequests from the estates of Leroy Timbrook and Nancy Faye Woodhull which are in the process of closing. We rejoice in this planning for these gifts to the church!

ERROR IN TIDINGS

In the DMA article last week, it should have read that 39 attended the musical at Wagon Wheel rather than 29. Remember the regular DM Potluck and program on August 23 at 12:00 noon here.

50th ANNIVERSERY OPEN HOUSE AT THE CHURCH

Reba and Earl Fusselman will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversery on Saturday, August 20, 19?? with an Open House in Fellowship Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

THANKS

My sincere thanks to you Dr. Cline and Miriam Bixenman for your visits while I was in the hospital and to all others who showed their concern by their calls and cards.

Sincerely,
Bob Petty

HELP US LOCATE MAILING ADDRESSES

We have the following persons among our membership for whom the office does not have a current mailing address. We are most anxious to learn of current addresses or sources where an address might be found for these persons. It is difficult for us to fulfill our responsibility toward these persons without some way of contact my mail. Will you carefully check the list and call the church office, 744-3239, if you have any information.

Douglas Baker
Beatrice Baugher
Marcia Baugher
Richard & Doris Bireley
Ruth & William Bolton
Ruby Boxell
Robert Cale
Cathy Caldwell
Larry Carson
Robert Clausen
Rex Clifton
Mildred Cobbs
Michael Cole
Robert Corkwell
Donald Crouse
Ronald & Mary Dailey
Marilyn DeWeese
Douglas Eifrid
Rose Eugene
Linda Feichter
Gerald Elser, Sr.
Sally Feasby
Beverly Flood
Paul & Betty Goetz
Gloria Grove
Jane Harts
James, Greg, Jeff Heiney
Joyce Ann Howell
Glen Frank Hunt
Cathy Jackson
Esther Kreischer
Connie Rae Lamb
Doris Lemming
Loraine Lesher
Ray Mathis
Mrs. Lloyd Miller
Stephanie Mollenhour
Rebecca Morris
Keith & Janice Murray
Jeff Olson
Thomas Ogles
Lucile Overby
Donald Roseogle
Raymond & Lila Russell
Wayne Phillips
Edward Sechler
Fred Sheets
Dennis Smith
J. Carlton & Glenna Smith
Robert Smith
Glen Smith
Shirley Smith
H. Virginia Snouffer
Mrs. George Sowers
Margaretta Steckbeck
Ruth Steele
Donald Straw
Joan Straw
M/M J.W. Treager
Ellen Tribolet
Robert & Mabel Truelove
Armand & Frances Van Gordon
William & Erma Vunora
Ilene Wolf
Linda Sue Yentes
Carole Young
Randall Skaggs

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER AUGUST 14-20, 1977

Cynthia Akers
Kathlyn Banet
Bethel Breeden
Mabel Burnworth
Judy Church
Candance Cole
Donald Crouse
Rosemary Day
Gerald Elser, Jr.
Jerry Ferguson
Ronald Flickinger
Nancy Geiselman
Steve Hall
Jeffery Heiney
Gordon Howell
Ruby Johns
Ralph Keller
Kathy Lee
Mildred Linn
John Mathis

ALL CHURCH FAMILY CAMP OUT

The third all church family Camp Out will be held again at Chain-O Lakes State Park, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 19, 20, & 21. Those whishing to go are asked to notify Rose and Ed Jenkins or Miriam Bixenman before August 16, so we will know how many sites to reserve. So far this year, we have had several new families join in the activities. Others are invited to come and share with us. Cost of camping at Chain-O-Lakes over a weekend in is $3.00 per night, including electricity. We will share a pot luck meal on Saturday evening and will worship around the camp fire about 8:00 P.M. Saturday. Worship will be led by Miriam Bixenman with Steve Doles leading the singing. Persons who cannot attend the entire camp out are invited to come on Saturday and share in the pot luch and camp fire worship. There will be a one hour Bible study on Sunday at 9:30 A.M.

THANKS:

Dear Rev. Cline & Steve,

Jim and I wanted you both to know how much we appreciated your visits and prayerd during my recent hospital stay. The fact that I am not a member of your church made it even more meaningful to me.

May I ask for your continuing prayers so that my recovery will be complete--if it is God's will.

Thank you again--from both of us.

Fondly,
Bette Bramel

BOOKS FOR SALE!

Tana Harter, Librarian, has announced the arrival of several religious books on consignment. They will be available during the Fellowship Hour after Worship Sunday or by contacting her before or after Church School at the Library in Room 130.

BAZAAR BLASTS!

Are you working on a project? Have it finished? If so, please call Karen Flickinger or your committee chairman to let us know how you're doing. We need to know <u>now</u> what we can plan on for the bazaar.

This month we are looking for things for GRAB BAG. These should be new inexpensive items for men, women, children, teenagers which you can find on bargain tables. Many stores like Ayr-Way and K-Mart have bargain tables out now and will through August. It's a good time to pick up 10¢, 15¢ and 25¢ items. Have fun! Call Ramona Ketner, 447-2629, after shopping.

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS 7/26/7

Flood left estimated 4,000 families homeless in 6-county Pennsylvania area. Only search, rescue possible with 6-10 ft. water downtown Johnstown. First Christian Church flooded. Church World Service on scene with aid Severe floods also in Korea. CWS will help in rehabilitation.

Because you share through Week of Compassion, CWS acts in your behalf.

Marilynne Hill,
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FROM STEVE . . . .

It's hard to believe that August is now over half through and that my time with you for this summer is almost gone. In a way it's sad to look back, but not when I realize how many good and meaningful experiences I have shared with you. As I look ahead towards the Pastoral Ministry, the value of my time spent here is immearsurable to me, as I feel that I have grown in practical knowledge of this work as well as grown closer to my Lord through this summer.

One of my main responsibilities has been with the C.Y.F., and I have been pleased to see them grow not only as a group but also as individuals. Conflicting schedules has made regular attendance for each College & Career member impossible, but even though, we nearly always seem to have a close-knit feeling between the ones which are able to attend. I take seriously my responsibilities which I am given for each worship hour and I am thankful for the varied opportunities which I have had.

I would like to say thank you to each of you who has in different ways, befriended me and encouraged me. I appreciate it! I give a special thank you to the staff for their help and to Delores and Scott Keebortz for letting me feel at home with them.

This Sunday I will be bringing a sermon entitled "A Livable Faith" which will be a product of much of my thinking this summer. Reading Galations 5:1-15 would be helpful in preparing yourself for worship.

My Prayer is that God be with each one of you and with me as we strive to live lives which are pleasing to Him and meaningful to us.

Steve

SERVING AUGUST 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Fred Smell

10:45 A.M. William Love and Margaret Love

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. B. Lehman, E. Brown, C. Hetrick, S. Thompson

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles, C. Cline, S. Schell, H. Stevenson, R. Baugher, E. Conrad, R. Jenkins, G. Falbe

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8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Robert Rayl - Homer Stevenson

Ross Harter - Cory Church

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Carole Lee & Diana Wortley

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. P. Akers

10:45 A.M. A. Benny, S. Thompson, B. Finkhousen

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395 Mr. Ennis Brown

PANTRY NEEDS: MACRONI & CHEESE DINNERS, TUNA FISH, P-NUT BUTTER, JELLO

GRAB BAG ITEMS NEEDED FOR ALL-CHURCH BAZAAR! REPORT THE PROGRESS OF YOUR PROJECT TO YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

BOARD OF DIACONATE MEETING

A meeting has been called for 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, August 30. The following members of the Board of Diaconate are asked to be present: *Rose Jenkins, Susan Knuckles, Carole Lee, Bruce Lehman, Edna Nordblom, Homer Stevenson, Russell Wortley, Rocky Baugher, Marvin Crouse, Gary Falbe, Delores Keebortz, Rosemary Krull, Elinor Place, Don Short, Susan Thompson, Sue Allen, Peg Buskirk, Max Finkhousen, Eileen Klepfer, Robert Orr, Ken Place, Scott Rayl, Schellie Schell, Ken Taylor, Doug Allen, Ennis Brown, Carol Cline, George Davis, Mildred Hartman, Bev Hendricks, Clarence Hetrick, Bob Pauley, Mark Akers, Andrea Benny, Walter Bowen, Michael Byers, Barbara Love, Carl Schwartz, Diana Wortley, Paul Yentes.*

D.M.A. POTLUCK

Next Tuesday, August 23, at 12:00 Noon with Audean Ashe, Dessie Buchman, Thelma Jackson, and Fern Strole hosting. Program will be slide presentation by Henry and Ethel Flowers.

DR. CLINE TO TEXAS NEXT WEEK

Dr. Cline will be taking Chad to Texas Christian University this weekend and participating in an orientation there. He expects to attend worship Sunday in Sherman, Texas where a Timothy from South Side pastorate in Kokomo is to be installed as Pastor.

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FALL OF 1977

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

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We believe that the Christian life is a pilgrimmage of growth into our Lord Jesus Christ. We desire to offer opportunities for personal enrichment and growth. We desire to equip ourselves to better minister and serve others. We desire to know God and to love Him and one another in more wholesome ways.

There is a minimum number for each course which must be met by September 8 or two weeks prior to any special event. This is the beginning of a regular series of educational growth opportunities for the year. Costs are listed for materials. Classes will not be offered if minimum registrants are not received. Some will be limited to a certain number. Child Care will be provided when it is needed.

WEEKLY STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

DRUMBEAT OF LOVE - A RELATIONAL BIBLE STUDY OF ACTS

RESOURCES: Reading Book - DRUMBEAT OF LOVE, The Unlimited Power of the Spirit as revealed in the Book of Acts, by Lloyd Ogilvie, a Pupil's Response Guide by Ogilvie; and Cassette Tapes with resources for 14 sessions by Ogilvie and Bruce Larson.

COST: $10 for Text and Response Manual.

SECTIONS:

I - Led by Harold Cline on Sunday evenings, September 11 through December 11 from 5:15 to 6:45 P.M.

II - Led by Miriam Bixenman on Monday evenings, September 12 through December 12 from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.

III - Led by Miriam Bixenman on Thursday afternoons, September 16 through December 16 from 1:15 to 2:45 P.M.

DESCRIPTION: To enable people to kindle within themselves a new fire for renewing the bold witness to Christ's love. To help each participant to become ignited and keep burning through learning to listen for the drumbeat of God's Spirit and respond.

YOUR EXCITING MIDDLE YEARS

RESOURCES: Reading Book, YOUR EXCITING MIDDLE YEARS by John C. Cooper and Racel Conrad Wahberg; Response Manual by same authors, and cas-

sette tapes for 9 sessions.

COST: $7.50 per person or $11.00 per couple.

TIME: 5:15 to 6:45 P.M. on Sunday evenings, September 11 through November 6. Led by Miriam Bixenman.

DESCRIPTION: To enable groups to discuss some of the kinds of questions and difficulties faced in one's attempt to be God's person in the middle years (35-55). To allow each participant through personal involvement in a nonthreatening community of concern and support to learn to live more lovingly, more creatively, and more freely in relationship to God and to other people during this group activity time in their lives.

UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT

RESOURCES: New Testament in paragraph form such as New English Bible or Revised Standard Version or Today's English Version, THE INTERPRETER'S ONE-VOLUME COMMENTARY ON THE BIBLE will be used for assigned readings, background, and commentary help.

COST: $15.00 for Textbook which will be a valuable home library resource.

SECTIONS: I - Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 led by Dr. Cline from September 12 through December 12.

II - Thursday afternoons from 1:15 to 2:45 P.M. led by Dr. Cline from September 15 through December 15.

CHILDREN THE CHALLENGE

RESOURCES: Text book, CHILDREN, THE CHALLENGE by Rudalf Dreikers and Guest-trained leader experienced and certified by the Adler Institute.

COST: $14.00 per person, or per couple, the latter is preferred if possible.

TIME: 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 14 through November 16 led by guest trained leader or co-leaders. Minimum enrollment of 10 singles or couples.

YOGA POSTURES AND CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

DESCRIPTION: Different Yoga postures practiced to improve the BODY. (Done at individual's own pace.) Different Books of Prayer to be read and discussed to improve the MIND. The art of Christian meditation will be experienced each week to improve the SPIRIT. (Wear loose fitting clothes and bring a mat or blanket.)

COST: $5 towards purchase of books for reading and sharing.

SECTIONS: I - Monday evenings led by Ruby Cline September 12 through November 14 from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.

II - Tuesday mornings led by Margaret Jenkins September 13 through November 15 from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M.

SPECIAL SERIES

FINDING CHRIST

TIME: 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. on Sunday mornings during Church School in Pastor's Study, Room 201 for five Sundays, September 18 through October 16.

DESCRIPTION: An experience and study of what it means to find Christ as Lord for seekers of the Christian faith. Led by Dr. Cline.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP SERIES

TIME: 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. on Sunday mornings during Church School in Pastor's Study, Room 201 for eight Sundays, October 30 through December 18.

DESCRIPTION: A Study of basic elements of Christian discipline and involvement in the life of the Church. Basics about Bible, Christ, Church History, being a Christian, becoming a Christian, worship and Communion, and Christian life will be discussed.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP SERIES

TIME AND GROUP: Youth of Grades 6 through 9 on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00 from September 17 through October 15.

DESCRIPTION: Course led by Staff on basics to consider in making a commitment to Christ and becoming a part of the church. Outside reading and assignments for participants.

LEARNING TO KNOW JESUS AND THE BIBLE FOR CHILDREN

TIME AND GROUP: Children of Grades three through six on Saturdays from 11:00 to 12:00 from September 17 through November 19.

DESCRIPTION: A serious learning experience for children led by pastor with assistance to learn to know Jesus in the Bible and the basic New Testament message of good news communicated through the church. Preparation assignments for participants.

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A GLIMPSE INTO THE WINTER AND SPRING SESSIONS

RETREATS AT CAMP BARBEE: Marriage Encounter; Spiritual Growth; Youth Discipleship

WEEKLY STUDY SERIES: DRUMBEAT OF LOVE; LIVE ALL OF YOUR LIFE; NEW TESTAMENT SHORTS--Romans, I John, James

SPECIAL SERIES: Death and Funerals; plus others (request special study concerns and interests.

REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

FALL of 1977

First Christian Church Fort Wayne, Indiana

Detach this form and mail or bring to church office, hand to pastors, or place in offering plate. Sign up for class offerings as soon as possible. Some are limited in number and are on a first-come, first-serve basis. It is preferable to pay along with registration but may be paid at first session. Please check all of your intentions at time of submitting this form. Indicate need for child care.

WEEKLY STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

_____ DRUMBEAT OF LOVE, Sundays, 5:15 to 6:45 P.M.
_____ YOUR EXCITING MIDDLE YEARS, Sundays, 5:15 to 6:45 P.M.

_____ DRUMBEAT OF LOVE, Mondays, 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.
_____ UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT, Mondays, 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.
_____ YOGA POSTURES AND CHRISTIAN MEDITATION, Mondays, 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.

_____ YOGA POSTURES AND CHRISTIAN MEDITATION, Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:00 A.M

_____ CHILDREN THE CHALLENGE, Wednesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

_____ DRUMBEAT OF LOVE, Thursdays, 1:15 to 2:45 P.M.
_____ UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT, Thursdays, 1:15 to 2:45 P.M.

SPECIAL SERIES

_____ FINDING CHRIST
_____ ADULT DISCIPLESHIP
_____ YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP
_____ LEARNING TO KNOW JESUS & BIBLE FOR CHILDREN

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Need Child Care_____

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD ON AUGUST 9, 1977

Regular reports and special church year reports were shared to understand the church statistically. The People Report indicated strong action in terms of new addresses and other status changes.

Ramona Ketner was hired as Assistant Secretary to do office work in the absence of Barbara Short including vacation time, a weekly four hours, and sick time. Upon recommendation of the Lay Personnel Committee Rosalie Jenkins was approved as chairwoman of the Membership Committee and Bert Leversee to fill an elder representative vacancy on the Board.

The Board voted to give an added year of grace for Non-Participating members since 1972 for whom we have some form of contact yet. It was felt wise to utilize the benefits of LEAD Training and calls, the new Elder shepherding program, and other personal visits or letter before taking the final action according to the By-Laws. Any person who has been Non-Participating since 1972 for whom we have no mailing address or contact, these will be considered withdrawn in virtue of Non-Participation as of the end of August. We are currently making every effort possible to find a possible contact this month.

The plans of the sub-committee were approved for a First Christian weekend at Barbee on September 9-11. It includes an ALL-CHURCH CAMP OUT Friday evening through Sunday with a Friday night Campfire, 5:30 P.M. Saturday Pitch-in Meal, Saturday night Communion Campfire Worship, and Sunday Morning Bible Study. It also focuses upon an ALL CHURCH PLANNING AND FELLOWSHIP DAY from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday the 10th. David Downing of Central Christian Church in Huntington will be guest keynoter and resource leader for two total sessions and two growth small group. There will be a brainstorming session and all committees will work on goals and planning. The September Board of Trustees meeting will be from 3:30 to 5:00 P.M. MARK CALENDARS NOW FOR BARBEE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th!

Letters concerning the Benevolent share of the Outreach dollar were read from Jean Wolfolk of the Church Finance Council and William Gibble of N.B.A. These came in response to action of the May meeting.

Present were 21 of the 31 members and one guest and the two staff members.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
All-Church Family Camp Out at Chain-O-Lakes

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20
2:00 to 4:00 P.M. Fusselman 50th Wedding Anniversery in Fellowship Hall (Open House)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:00 Noon CWF Executive Committee in Parlor
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 22
7:00 P.M. CYF
7:30 P.M. Calling

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23
12:00 Noon D.M.A. Potluck & Program

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25
1:30 P.M. Calling

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
AUGUST 21 - 27, 1977

Arthur Mowery
Pat Norman
Loretta Orr
Margo Parlette
Ruth Plummer
Rolland Ripple
Jack Sauerwein
Beth Schilling
Don Short
Arza Smith
Virginia Snouffer
Bruce Stone
Rebecca Stucky
Phyllis Tobias
Susan Watson
Jack Weicker
Elsie Widler
Russell Wortley
Marilyn DeWeese
J. Carlton Smith

FAMILY CAMP OUT

The third family camp out of the summer is this weekend, August 19, 20, & 21, at Chain-O-Lakes State Park. Those who have registered to date include: the Monty Tobias family, the Ed Jenkins family, the Russell Wortley family, the Ben Taylor family, Steve Doles, Miriam Bixenman, Peg Buskirk, Marlene Crouse, Edna and Debbie Nordblom. In addition, the Bob Pauley family and others will be joining us for the day and evening on Saturday. We will enjoy a pot luck supper together on Saturday evening, followed by worship and communion around the camp fire on Saturday night at 8:00, with a one hour Bible Study on Sunday morning at 10:00. Others who cannot go for the entire weekend are invited to come for the pot luck/worship on Saturday. If you find you can come and camp one or both nights, please call Rose Jenkins or Miriam Bixenman by mid-afternoon on Thursday so that we may reserve a site for you where we can all be together.

CAMP OUT REFLECTION AT CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Our Celebration Worship on Sunday evening at 8:00 P.M. will be a time of reflection on our family camp out experiences this summer. Those who have participated in any or all of the camp outs will be giving their impressions, and the entire worship service will take the form of a camp-fire worship at camp. If you have never gone on a camp out, but have wondered about what happens, come and get a taste on Sunday evening at 8:00 P.M.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:30 P.M. Harmony Class Party at Briggs, 5807 Fernwood
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
MONDAY, AUGUST 29
5:30 P.M. Area I Board Meeting in Kendallville
7:00 P.M. CYF
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30
7:30 P.M. Board of Diaconate Meeting

GREETINGS ON THIS DAY!

I wish to take this opportunity to express publicly my appreciation to Valerie Williams as our Summer Intern for 10 weeks and to Steve Doles as our Summer Associate for 13 weeks. They added to staff relationships in the office. They related uniquely and variously with differing persons among us. They fulfilled responsibilities which gave me freedom and time. They added a spark and zest to the life of our community. Thank you for your input to our spirits!

I am excited about our coming weekend at Camp Barbee -- Saturday for everybody and the weekend for the campers! This will give us an opportunity to relate with one another in an informal setting. It will also facilitate planning and moving in our fall program. Plan for this weekend.

The excellent job which Barbara Short did last week on our School of Christian Growth brochure was appropriate for this upcoming group of sessions. This is a rich opportunity for Through-the-Week Christian Education in depth. Mark your selections and turn in registrations to the church office soon. Growth and relationship and fulfillment can be experienced through these various learning experiences.

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

Harold

SERVING AUGUST 28

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and Steve Harter

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and Bert Leversee

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. D. Allen, B. Pauley, P. Yentes, D. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. W. Bowen, D. Wortley, C. Schwartz, B. Love, M. Byers, M. Akers, R. Orr, S. Allen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Allen-NW, B. Pauley-SW

10:45 A.M. W. Bowen-NE, D. Wortley-NW, C. Schwartz-SE, B. Love-SW

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Edna Nordblom & Eunice Conrad

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Carl & Beth Schwartz

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. S. Davis, C. Akers, C. Cline

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 778 Mr. Leslie Futterer

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEER HELP!

The office staff wishes to say a grateful "thanks" to CYF members, Dan Church, Carol Cline, Anne Lee, and Kathy Lee for their help with much needed office work last week!

PRAYER TRIADS:

For a year and one half, a segment of our church has been involved in 6 month triads for intercessory daily prayer. If you are interested in participating call the church office or contact Dr. Cline by Sunday noon. Assignments will be announced and a commissioning held during Celebration Worship this Sunday night. If you are interested, but unable to attend Celebration Worship, you will still be assigned to a traid and notified by letter of your other two prayer partners. Being in a triad involves contact with one another and daily intercessory prayer. We would welcome new participants as we begin this new period for six months.

CALLING ALL SINGERS

The Chancel Choir will begin fall rehearsals on Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 P.M. and will sing at 10:45 on Sunday the 11th. All senior high or adult persons are invited to come and sing regularly with our choir. We rejoice in the music leadership and service expressed by our choir.

THANK YOU!

We want to thank all of those of our friends who remembered us with cards and their presence at our 50th Anniversery Open House.

Reba & Earl Fusselman

PANTRY NEEDS: TUNA FISH, PEANUT BUTTER, SUGAR, POWDERED MILK

ALL CHURCH PLANNING AND FELLOWSHIP DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

All members and friends of the church are invited to Camp Barbee on Saturday, September 10. Go west from Fort Wayne on #30, turn north on #13, turn left about one-half mile 400N of Koscuiusko Co. Plan for at least 9:00 to 5:00 at Barbee or even stay on till 9:00 P.M.

9:00 A.M. - Opening Worship and Keynote led by David Downing, pastor of Central Christian Church of Huntington
9:30 A.M. - Brainstorming Session concerning life of our congregation.
10:15 A.M. - All Committees will do goaling
Growth Group led by David Downing
Child supervision for families
11:45 A.M. - Lunch and Free Time - Bring a sack lunch (drinks will be provided.)
1:15 P.M. - Total Group Session led by David Downing - "THE MARKS OF A DYNAMIC CHURCH"
2:15 P.M. - Committee Meetings for Planning; Growth group
3:30 P.M. - Board of Trustees regular September meeting and open to any or Free Time
5:30 P.M. - Pitch-in Potluck Meal
7:30 P.M. - Campfire Communion Worship

ALL CHURCH CAMP-OUT AT BARBEE - SEPTEMBER 9-11

We will be using the grounds of Barbee for those who desire to camp all weekend. We would ask their participation in the Saturday program. Electrical outlets are available for tents or trailers. The house and cabins could be used. In addition to the Saturday program, the campers will have a Friday night campfire at 8:30 P.M. and a Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 A.M.

SIGN UP FOR PLANNING DAY AND CAMP OUT

We will be signing up Sunday for these activities. If you are not present Sunday, call the office to get your name on the list.

STATEWIDE FAMILY CAMP OUT

The Christian Church in Indiana is sponsoring the third annual Family Camp Out at Barbee Christian Camp the weekend of September 2-5. Brian and Claudia Grant will be keynoters for the event, with special classes for pre-schoolers and elementary children, plus a youth activity section. Sites are available for trailers, tents, campers, and trailers, with or without electricity. There is also some housing in cabins and the big house. Sites without electricity are $6.00 for the event, with electricity-$7.50; in house or cabin-$6.50 per person or $10.50 per family of two or more. Program costs are $3.00 per person with a maximum of $15.00 per family. No food is furnished so families are responsible for their own food, with three "pitch-in" meals planned. Notify Miriam Bixenman immediately if you wish to attend. Full fee must accompany registration. Deadline is August 29.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

The entire offering of our School of Christian Growth was published last week. Use the form provided to register or use forms which are available at the church. We prefer that you sign up and pay the fee so we can be assured of participation. We need minimums and have some maximums. Sign up without delay. September 11 and following will soon be here.

Let's have a fall of meaningful growth!

IMPORTANT LETTERS COMING

We are in the process of mailing to our member and friend homes a Shepherding list including all who live in geographical areas across our city. This is the basic information of a new program of shepherding by our elders and other leaders. Keep the list and use it as creatively as you can to minister, love and care for others about you.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

August 28 - September 3

Ed Allen	*Julia Crouse*
Tom Banet	*Myrtle DeVinney*
Wm. Branstrator	*Fred Grier*
Judith Brickley	*Robert Englehart*
Nellie Buchanan	*Max Finkhousen*
Peg Buskirk	*Ethel Flowers*
Barbara Busse	*Edwin Hall*
Robert Clausen	*Ronald Daily*
Chad Cline	*Douglas Eifred*
Harriett Cole	*Edna Vunora*

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 9-11 - All Church Camp Out at Camp Barbee

September 10 - 9:00 - 5:00 - All Church Planning Day at Barbee

September 11 - Promotion Day in Church School - Beginning of Fall Semester of School of Christian Growth

September 13 - CWF Retreat at Camp Barbee

September 16-18 - CMF Retreat at Camp Barbee

September 25 - Area I Assembly of Christian Churches in Auburn

Sunday, October 2 - World Communion Sunday

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
Labor Day - Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Martha Christy, 3214 Crescent Ave.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Laura Marks, 4705 Lafayette Espl.
7:30 P.M. CHANCEL CHOIR

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9-10-11
All-Church Camp Out at Camp Barbee

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
Church Planning & Fellowship Day at Camp Barbee

PANTRY NEEDS: SUGAR, CANNED MEAT, TUNA, CANNED FRUIT (Fruit Cocktail, Pears), SOUP (Chicken, Vegetable), VEGETABLES (Beans, Tomatoes), PEANUT BUTTER, POWDERED MILK

CALLING ALL PERSONS!

Worship, Study, Fellowship, Ministry to Others--these are continuing marks of our congregation. We are in the gathering-in time from summer activities to a fall program. Join in NOW for the life of our community of faith as the doors are open and mentioned within these pages. LET GOD IN TO WORK IN YOUR LIFE THROUGH WORSHIP, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE!

SUNDAY SERMONS

Several seemed to have special appreciation for the sermon last Sunday, "CELEBRATING THAT I AM A CHILD OF GOD." Dr. Cline is presenting the second of these sermons this week on "CELEBRATING THAT I AM A PART OF THE FAMILY OF GOD." God is at work in the world, in the church, and in human lives. May we celebrate what He is doing and find that overflowing attitude of gratitude!

KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT IS GROWING AND ENDURING OF LIFE -- ACCEPT THE INVITATION OF THE LORD JESUS TO MEET HIM AT HIS TABLE THIS SUNDAY!

SERVING SEPTEMBER 4

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Janet Weicker and Glenn Miller

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. E. Place, K. Place, M. Hartman, C. Church

10:45 A.M. A. Benny, G. Davis, R. Krull, E. Conrad, M. Crouse, K. Taylor, M. Finkhousen, E. Nordblom

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Place-NW, K. Place-SW

10:45 A.M. A. Benny-NE, G. Davis-NW, R. Krull-SE, E. Conrad-SW

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

William Love - Don Short

Bert Leversee - Max Finkhousen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Edna Nordblom & Eunice Conrad

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Don and Barbara Short

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. B. Short, B. Hayes, N. Hendricks

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 779 Mr. Leslie Futterer

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Ruth O'Laughlin and family in the death of her sister in Illinois. The funeral was Wednesday of this week.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

ROBERT LEE BARON, 4111 Arlington, 07, 456-3112, identified with us in a transfer of membership Sunday from the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Robert is an employee of the Fort Wayne Community Schools in custodial work. We welcome Bob in this relationship in our community of faith!

PANTRY IS USED!

Our Pantry Program of emergency food relief is used! Last Friday the 26th, food was given for 26 persons for a total of 234 meals. We need donations of food regularly. Please read following article too!

A CALL FOR HELP

Volunteers are needed to fill emergency Pantry referrals. Each volunteer is assigned one-half day, but the day would be at the volunteer's convenience. For more information call Val Taylor, 447-2880.

CHRISTMAS IDEAS WORKSHOP

The group working on Christmas Ideas for the All-Church Bazaar will meet at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, September 6, in Fellowship Hall. We will have Pam Bickel with us to help make pine cone wreaths. Any who wish to learn are invited to come. Please bring 1 bolt of wire, about size #22, and a pair of wire cutters. If you wish to add variety to your wreath, bring buckeyes, acorns, or walnuts. Do not wear good clothes, and if your hands are sensitive, bring a pair of gloves. Bring any pine cones you may have available. We do have some here.

REGISTER NOW TO PARTICIPATE

COMBINED ALL-CHURCH PLANNING & FELLOWSHIP DAY & ALL-CHURCH CAMP OUT - SEPTEMBER 9-11 - CAMP BARBEE

At the time of writing after just beginning registration, we have 27 signed up to be at Barbee all weekend for the Camp Out and 31 for Saturday only for Planning and Fellowship. Call the church office, 744-3239, or sign up Sunday so that we know about planning. We are asking EVERY ELDER, EVERY MEMBER OF THE DIACONATE, EVERY CONTINUING COMMITTEE MEMBER to be present Saturday for the Planning Sessions.

David Downing will be the guest leader for input on Saturday. He is pastor of Central Christian Church in Huntington.

Plan now for part or all of the weekend of September 9-11. Full details were printed last week in TIDINGS. Transportation will be provided for any needing it. Come and be among 150 to 200 of our people on Saturday at our Camp Barbee.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH -- FALL SERIES

Our through-the-week educational program of our School of Christian Growth was included in the special four pages of TIDINGS two weeks ago. Copies are available at all church entry ways. We need signing now for these events. Join with those already enrolled! Act now to register by mailing registrations or calling or stopping at the church office!

SUNDAY EVENINGS, 5:15 to 6:45 A.M., beginning 9/11
4 now enrolled for DRUMBEAT OF LOVE
2 now enrolled for MIDDLE YEARS
MONDAY EVENINGS, 7:30 to 9:00 P.M., beginning 9/12
none now enrolled for DRUMBEAT OF LOVE
2 now enrolled for UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT
2 now enrolled for YOGA AND CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
TUESDAY MORNINGS, 9:30 to 11:00 A.M.
6 now enrolled for YOGA AND CHRIS
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M
6 persons now enrolled for CHILDR
THURSDAY AFTERNOONS, 1:15 to 2:45 P.
4 now enrolled for UNDERSTANDING
none enrolled for DRUMBEAT OF LOVE
SPECIAL SERIES:
2 now enrolled for FINDING CHRIST
4 now enrolled for ADULT DISCIPLE

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SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH (from page three)

3 now enrolled for YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP, beginning 9/17

3 now enrolled for LEARNING TO KNOW JESUS AND THE BIBLE FOR CHILDREN, beginning 9/17

REGISTER NOW IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH!!!

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BASIC CHURCH GIVING

Our Weekly Program Support of $1,753.80 during August was the first month of 1977 during which we have averaged lass than $2,000. THIS HAS PUT US BEHIND! Our 1977 giving for Program Support, Operating Fund, or Budget Giving -- whichever you want to call it--has been excellent to this time. Let us not fall backward now.

We really need our minimal goal of $115,792 for the year which averages $2,227 per week.

We now stand at a total giving of $73,602.65 or $2,102.93 weekly for the first 35 weeks of 1977.

To achieve our goal we need now to average $2,482 weekly during these last 17 Sundays of 1977. This calls for regular present or increased giving by members and friends. This calls for others who have not given to join in and help us achieve our much needed goal.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

The Fall Retreat for Women at Camp Barbee will be a one-day affair on Tuesday, September 13 from 9:00-4:00. Theme is "TEACH THE WORLD TO SING". Mae Yoho Ward, retired Disciple missionary and retired executive vice president of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be the theologizer. Registration fee is $5.75, which includes the noon meal. Registration and fee should be in our church office no later than Tuesday, September 6. Child care will be provided at no cost on advance request, but parents must provide a sack lunch. Rides can be shared. Cars will leave our parking lot at 7:45 A.M.

AUGUST AVERAGES

Church Worship	235
Church School	117
Program Support	$1,753.80
Building Fund	234.03

NEW MEMBER DURING AUGUST

Robert Baron

PLANTS NEEDED FOR BAZAAR!

Nila Schilling, Chairwoman for the Plant Booth at the All-Church Bazaar reminds us again that now is the time to take those plant cuttings and root them so they will be ready to pot and sell at the Bazaar. She has pots available for these plants. Call her at 449-1202.

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CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH

Our Christian Churches across the land highlight September 11 through World Communion Sunday on October 2 as Church Loyalty Month. This is a time for all to be present in study and worship regularly. It is a time to start back if one has been absent during the summer or a longer period. It is a time to be in full swing in the life of the congregation. Our community of faith has much at hand and cordially invites every member and friend to make this a kick off season of growth and life in Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY WORSHIPS--8:15 A.M., 10:45 A.M., 7:00 P.M.

Steve Doles will be preaching on the theme, "The Law of the Harvest" at both morning hours based on Galatians 6:7-10. Miriam Bixenman will assist in worship leadership. The Chancel Choir will be singing under the direction of Sara Davis at 10:45 A.M.

Dr. Cline is preaching for the Mortgage Burning Celebration at South Side Christian Church in Kokomo where he served 12 years. They are celebrating the completion of $297,000 in mortgage payments made in the last ten years and thus freeing them of all debts of their build-

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SERVING SEPTEMBER 11

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and William Love

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. S. Rayl, B. Pauley, D. Allen, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles, D. Short, R. Baugher, R. Jenkins, B. Hendricks, C. Cline, S. Schell, H. Stevenson

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D.Smith,

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R.Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Rayl-NW,B.Lehman-SW

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles-NW,D.Short-NE, R.Baugher- SW, R.Jenkins-SE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rosemary Krull & Bev Hendricks

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Eunice Conrad & Sally Rudy

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. Beth Schilling

10:45 A.M. Pat Norman, Nena Lucas, Melanie Baugher

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 736 Nellie Roe
639 Ryan Short

St.Joseph: Mrs. Thelma Jackson entering on 9/7 and surgery at 7:00 A.M. on 9/10.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Steven Craig Hall and Valerie Sue Williams on 9/3/77. They are residing at 5414 N.Michigan Road Apt. 10C, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 to 5:00 -- All Church Day at Camp Barbee

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
5:15 P.M. Youth Fellowship and School of Christian Growth
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

10:00 A.M. Monday Study Group
1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild with Mildred Hartman
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group with Andrea Benny
7:30 P.M. School of Christian Growth

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group with Dorothy Green
9:30 A.M. Yoga & Ch.Meditation

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:30 P.M. CHILDREN, THE CHALLENGE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

1:15 P.M. Understanding the New Testament
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

We salute our Church School teaching staff as we move into our new semester!

Crib & Toddler's Room - Linda Johnstone
Two & Three Year Old Nursery - Lois Finkhousen & Karen Zimmerman
Kindergarten - Nila Schilling (Lead), Marilyn Byers, Debbie Brian
Grades 1 & 2 - Eunice Conrad, Armella Newman,(1 more to be secured)
Grades 3 & 4 - Marlene Crouse, Eileen Klepfer-substitute
Grades 5 & 6 - Sally Cline
Grades 7 & 8 - Bob and Sharon Pauley
Grades 9 thru 12 - George Bruckman
College and Career - Harold Cline (Steve Doles this Sunday)
Christians Under Construction - Dean & Elsie Widler, Pam Bickel
Harmony Class- Jack Weicker
Gospel Seekers - Ruby Cline
Berean - Jack Williams
Come Double - Edna Vaught
Progressive - Rolland Ripple

We also thank the following who have completed three year terms as teachers and who rotate off at this time, namely, Bernie Norman, Peg Buskirk, Edna Nordblom, and Karen Flickinger.

CHURCH WIDE FELLOWSHIP AND PLANNING DAY

As of writing we had 46 signed up for Saturday only at Barbee plus 36 for the campout all weekend. This is open to any and all who can come up for the day. Call the office if a ride is needed. Bring a sack lunch for Saturday noon and a covered dish for the Saturday night pitch-in; if you are staying for it. Drinks will be furnished. To drive, go west on highway #30 to highway #13 at Pierceton, turn right or north to county road 400. Then turn left or west about one-half mile to the camp grounds. (Since the camp is south of North Webster, if you get that far you have missed the road.)

David Downing is giving total group leadership for worship at 9:00 A.M. and for an interaction experience at 1:15 P.M. He is also leading a Growth Group for those not involved with the committee groupings. All elders, deacons, deaconesses, and committee members are expected and wanted. All members and friends are invited for the experience and outing together. All are welcome to stay over for the Potluck at 5:30 P.M. and Campfire Worship at 7:00 P.M.

The Board of Trustees will have its regular September meeting at 3:30 P.M. while others have free time on the ground or lake. We need all Board members for this meeting.

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SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

CHILDREN THE CHALLENGE--Joyce Bailey who is trained and certified by the Adler Institute of Fort Wayne will lead this program according to the Institute's program for 2 hour sessions for 10 Wednesday nights. It is based on the book of this title by Rudolf Dreikeurs.

DRUMBEAT OF LOVE--Study of Acts--This study patterned after Edge of Adventure will be offered Sunday evenings simultaneous with youth meetings, Monday evenings, and Thursday afternoons.

YOUR EXCITING MIDDLE YEARS is for those 35 to 55 to focus upon growth dimensions and helps to find full meaning as persons and is offered on Sunday evenings.

UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT will meet for 14 sessions on Monday evenings or Thursday afternoons to give basic introduction to the Scriptures of our faith. Basic will be the reading of the entire New Testament.

YOGA POSTURES AND CHRISTIAN MEDITATION will be offered both Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings to learn and exercise through yoga and to develop meditation and prayer as Christians.

Two children's groups--LEARNING TO KNOW JESUS AND THE BIBLE FOR CHILDREN and a YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP series will begin on Saturday mornings. This is for depth learning and growing in special study led by Dr. Cline, Mrs. Bixenman, and others. The first 10 weeks will be a basic study of Jesus from his birth through his ministry. A series will be offered in the spring on his last days and the growth of the New Testament church.

FINDING CHRIST will be led by Dr.Cline during Church School beginning on September 18. This is to work on a personal relationship and experience of Christ at the center of life.

REGISTER BY CALLING THE OFFICE OR MAILING REGISTRATION FORMS TODAY!!!

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SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To *Mrs. Irene Cline and family* in the death of her sister,whose funeral was in Montpelier, Ohio.

DEATH OF MEMBER:

Robert H. Hill, Sr, a member since 10/9/46 on 9/6/77.Sympathy is extended to wife and family.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

URDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
0 A.M. Youth Discipleship
00 A.M. Learning & Knowing Jesus
DAY, SEPTEMBER 18
5 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
0 A.M. Church School
5 P.M. Youth Fellowships & School of Christian Growth
0 P.M. Celebration Worship
DAY, SEPTEMBER 19
0 P.M. School of Christian rowth
SDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
0 A.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
0 P.M. General C.W.F. Meeting
NESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
0 P.M. Children the Challenge
RSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
5 P.M. School of Christian rowth
0 P.M. Chancel Choir

TRY NEEDS: NOODLES, MACRONI & HEESE DINNERS, CANNED MEAT, OWDERED MILK (3 oz. size), RACKERS, FRUIT COCKTAIL

THE LIVING CHRIST

INVITES EVERY MEMBER

AND FRIEND TO

WORSHIP AT

8:15 A.M., 10:45 A.M. or 7:00 P.M. and

TO STUDY AT 9:30 A.M.

THIS SUNDAY!

GROWTH THROUGH EACH PERSON

Dr. Cline will be preaching on this theme based on Romans 12:3-8 and Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16. The entire chapter of I Corinthians 12 could also be studied as background. Come join us in worship and community together this Sunday! We desire each person who can be present as we meet our Lord at His Table.

REFLECT THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD BY THE FAITHFULNESS OF LIFE IN EXPRESSING PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING AND JOYFUL SERVICE.

SERVING SEPTEMBER 18

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Rayl and Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Robert Hendricks and Bert Leversee

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. C. Hetrick, P. Yentes, Mildred Hartman, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. B. Love, M. Akers, M. Byers, R. Orr, G. Falbe, W. Bowen, C. Schwartz, D. Wortley

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Ralph Church - Robert Orr

Bert Leversee - Rocky Baugher

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rosemary Krull & Bev Hendricks

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Rus & Nancy Wortley

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. Carole Lee

10:45 A.M. Beth Schwartz, Susan Fleck, Bobbi Sue Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 306 - Mrs. Lillian Scott

736 - Mrs. Nellie Roe

ST. JOSEPH: 517 - Mrs. Thelma Jackson

(tests)425 - Mr. Mark Snyder

227 - Judy Markley

LUTHERAN: 771 - Mrs. Alice Reece

OMMISSION LAST WEEK:

Julie Briggs should have been included in the children receiving Bibles since she is entering third grade.

CHURCH BREAKIN:

The church was entered Sunday afternoon Sept. 4th. Taken were a tape recorder, roll of stamps, and 40¢. Three windows were smashed plus much damage to locks and doors and frames. A word of caution--Close all windows after opening them and make sure that they are locked! Deposits are made regularly through the week and the night depository is used on Sundays so that money is not left in the building.

GIVING AND SPENDING:

We rejoice in the Program Support of $2,947.03 Sunday Sept. 4th. We are pushing to maintain the $2,482 week for the rest of 1977 to "make it" this year.

This week $789 was sent to Orkin for our 2 year contract of pidgeon removal. This was necessitated by their constant filling of our eves and down spouts. Also due this week is $963.83 for the annual cost of THE DISCIPLE mailed into our homes. Let's be regular and generous in giving so the church can be responsible in spending!

THANKS:

We want to express our thanks for all of the cards, calls, and expressions of concern shown to us and expecially the volunteer office work done during the time Ryan was hospitalized.

Barbara & Don Short

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1977

The Board meeting climaxed a day of intensive committee meetings at Camp Barbee with 75 persons present including all chairpersons. The Board meeting was characterized by one long time member as the best remembered in the life of our congregation. It heard extensive goaling from each of the standing eight committees who are refining their work and will have copies available in the church office.

The treasurer's report reflected the low August giving and thus we moved from a balance at the beginning of the month of $1,431 to a deficit of $253 at the end of August. This highlights the dire need for giving to be near $2,500 weekly during the balance of 1977 so that we can achieve our goal and meet all responsibilities in the black.

Upon recommendation of the Church Vocation Scholarship Committee, Steve Doles was voted to be the recipient of $750 this academic year from our earnings of our Church Vocation Scholarship Trust Fund.

The Board acknowledged the following persons as having withdrawn from our congregation in virtue of non-participation since at least June 1972 and in virtue of not having any address or known method of contact. They were listed as unknown during August and no one has been able to enable contact by the church. These persons are: Douglas Baker, Beatrice & Marcia Baugher, Richard & Doris Bireley, Ruth & William Bolton, Robert Cale, Larry Carson, Mildred Cobbs, Ronald & Mary Dailey, Marilyn DeWeese, Douglas Eifrid, Rose Eugene, Linda Feichter, Beverly Flood, Paul & Betty Goetz, Cathy Jackson, Gloria Grove, Connie Rae Lamb, Doris Lemming, Lorraine Lesher, Ray Mathis, Mrs. Lloyd Miller, Keith & Janice Murray, Lucile Overby, Donald Roseogle, Edward Sechler, Fred Sheets, Dennis Smith, Robert Smith, Glen Smith, Shirley Smith, Mrs. George Sowers, Margaretta Steckbeck, Ruth Steele, Donald Straw, Joan Straw, Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Treager, Ellen Tribolet, Robert & Mabel Truelove, Armand & Frances Van Gordon, William & Erma Vunora, Illene Wolf, and Carole Young.

Upon recommendation of the Lay Personnel Committee, Robert Hendricks and Ben Taylor were elected as members of the Lay Personnel Committee to serve through June 30, 1979.

Action was taken to write appreciation letters to Church School teachers rotating off after three years of service.

PAPER SALE

Our Chi Rho Fellowship (6th, 7th, & 8th graders) will be sponsorin a paper drive on Saturday, September 24. Any donations of paper will be appreciated. Either bring your papers to the stage in Fellowship Hall or notify the church office before September 22 if you need pick-up.

EXPANDED HOUR PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

Our expanded hour program for children will continue this year. Children who will be two or three by October 1 will be in the Two and Three Year expanded session with Peggy Buskirk as teacher, assisted by Laura Sauerwein and Terri Smith. Those who will be 4 or 5 years old, or entering Kindergarten in public school this fall or next, will be in the worship service with their parents until after the sermonette, when they will go with Mrs. Bixenman for expanded session. Boys and girls who are in public school grades 1-6, will be in worship with their parents until after the sermonette, when they will go with Susan Jones for Children's Choir or return to sit with their parents during the remainder of the worship service. Those not yet two years old will be in the Crib and Toddler Room for child care during either service.

CHI RHO

Our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade youth will be going to the home of Tim Briggs this Sunday at 4:00 for a swim party. If you do not know how to get to the Briggs home at 5807 Fernwood, meet on the church parking lot at 4:00 and ride our with Bruce Lehman. This will also be a pizza party, so bring $1.00 for your pizza.

INVITATION

The members and friends of the congregation are invited to an Open House on September 25, 1977 from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. celebrating the 50th Wedding Anniversery of Grace and Paul Truby. The Open House will be held at Lighted Acres.

MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Monday Morning Study Group will resume meeting this Monday morning, September 12, at 10:00 A.M. The group meets every other Monday through the school year, and is open to an interested person. This year we will be studying the Book of Acts, using the text, DRUMBEAT OF LOVE, by Lloyd Ogilvie. The group selects their own books to study and each participant pays of their own book. An additional feature of the group is intercessory prayer for any known needs and for those currently listed on the church's prayer list.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
September 18-24, 1977

Geraldine Hendrickson	*Jeff Olson*
Elizabeth Pattengale	*Robert Orr*
Melvin Williamson	*Steve Grimm*
June Williams	*Rosalie Hall*
Steve Harter	*Nena Lucas*
Julia Hendricks	*Leotha Jones*
Kenneth Hunt	*Robert Ogles*
Robert Johnson	*Glenn Miller*
George Ludwig	*Paula Meadows*
Helen Lobdell	*Charlie Newman*

"FAT IS IN YOUR HEAD" GROUP

The group meeting together last spring and calling themselves, "The Fat Is In Your Head group and using Charlie Shedd's book by that name will begin meeting again this Tuesday, September 20 at 9:30 A.M. and meet every other Tuesday. New members are invited and are asked to either come that day or contact Miriam Bixenman before that first meeting.

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GOD'S PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

"Come Back, Little Sheba" was a film several years ago, the title
which has stuck with me. It expresses my hope for us as we roll
nto the fall, and the beginning again of our life and work together.

Come back, little Sheba, Sally, Mary. Come back, big John, Jim,
ll.
me back from all the vacations and rest and glorious diversions of
mmer.
me back from drifting, dozing, and preoccupation with private plea-
re.

Come back to go ahead, to go ahead together as God's people on the
ve.
go ahead in exploring direction and meaning for our lives as indi-
duals and together.
go ahead in shaping the uses of our common energy, dreams, and re-
urces.
go ahead in offering ourselves to be used by God in his healing work
our families, on our jobs, in our city and nation.

Come back to begin again.
begin again the search for integrity and meaning.
begin again the work of sharing the suffering of people-the least
these around us and the most of these too.
begin again the digging together for insight and strength in our
ith and fellowship.

Come back to worship.
here is no substitute for being together, face to face, singing,
ying, dancing, praying, waiting, hoping, loving. (cont. on P.4)

SERVING SEPTEMBER 25

8:15 A.M. Fred Smell and Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Steve Harter and Ben Taylor

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. E. Place, K. Place, M. Hartman, C. Church

10:45 A.M. S. Allen, M. Finkhousen, M. Crouse, K. Taylor, E. Nordblom, A. Benny, R. Krull, G. Davis

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,

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NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. Millie Arruza

10:45 A.M. Barb Busse, Joan Ott, Diana Wortley

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 517 - Mrs. Thelma Jackson

TO LUTHERAN HOME

Mrs. Lillian Scott was to move from Parkview Hospital to Intermediate Care at the Lutheran Home, 6700 S. Anthony 46816, on Tuesday the 20th.

"COME BACK TO GO AHEAD"

Church Loyalty Month
September 11-October 2, 1977

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE:

All 6, 7, and 8th graders are asked to be present this Saturday from 9:00 to 12:00 to help in the paper collection and sale. Bring papers to the church prior to Saturday morning or call the church office by Sept. 22nd if you need pick-up. Newspapers are needed!

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SHEPHERDING GROUPS:

Shepherding Group letters were mailed last week-end into our resident homes. These identify other members and friends near by across the city. They have been used in the past for groups. Our Elders will be using these lists along with other church leaders for contact and ministry. These listings open many possibilities of relationship and usage.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

Our Children's Choir rehearses during worship at 10:45 each Sunday and includes children of Grades 1-6. Mrs. Susan Jones is director and Clint Crowe is pianist. Preschoolers leave with Mrs. Bixenman for Expanded session. Nursery Children are led by Mrs. Peggy Buskirk.

ALLING CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Children of grades 3 through are invited for the next nine aturdays for the serious study, Learning To Know Jesus and The ible" from 11:00 to 12:00. ifteen are enrolled in this study ed by Dr. Cline, Mrs. Bixenman, nd Karen Flickinger. A visit to nderstand Jesus in the synagogue s planned for Saturday.

Youth of grades 6, 7, and 8th re invited on a last call basis or the Youth Discipleship for the ext four Saturdays from 9:30 o 11:00 A.M. led by Dr. Cline nd Mrs. Bixenman.

INDING CHRIST:

Dr. Cline is leading a special tudy during the church school hour :30 to 10:30 for four more weeks sing the guide, "FINDING NEW LIFE." he class is meeting in Room 132. ersons pondering a commitment to esus or a deeper walk in personal elationship are invited. Contact r. Cline if you have questions r would like to attend.

EMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER:

September 25 to October 1, 1977

obert Pauley	Nancy Smith
uth Yentes	Margaret Snouffer
rilyn Rayl	Pauline Snyder
cil Rice	Janie Taulbee
llie Roe	Ben Taylor
Jo Roseberry	Laura Tomes
ris Sauerwein	Carolyn Webster
fred Schell	Dyan Weddell
irley Skelton	Edward Wooldridge
rvey Smelser	Violet Wuthrick

HI RHO DRIVE

BRING PAPERS BY 9:00 Saturday!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SAMPLER

A unique opportunity for all interested in Christian Education in the Church is coming to Fort Wayne on Sat. Oct. 8th. It is called A Christian Education Sampler, and is just that, since every participant will have opportunity to sample 4 workshops during the day. These workshops include: Inter-Generational Ministries, Mid-Life Crisis, Resource Center Development, Bible Study Leadership, Ministry With Youth, Music in Christian Education, Workship in the Creative Spirit, and Ministry With Young Adults. The workshop will be held at First Presbyterian Church from 8:30 - 3:45, and the registration fee of $7.50 includes lunch. The church will pay half of this fee for any enrolling. No partial enrollments. The workshop is sponsored by The Associated Church of Fort Wayne and the Indiana Council of Churches. See Mrs. Bixenman for registration before Oct. 3.

STATEWIDE CHURCH EVENT

The first Indiana Statewide Event for Chi Rho (Junior High) Youth is to be held in Indianapolis Oct. 7 and 8th. Registration will be limited to the first 400 youth who register. Cost is $5.00 per person, with the church paying half the fee. Housing will be in homes, and the registration fee includes Fri. night snack, Sat. breakfast and lunch. Youth will

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Worship is nothing less than the spirit of God in our midst, wakening, opening, disturbing, delighting us.

"Come back to sing a new song, leap over a barrier, break through a problem, unlock a purpose, restore hope, renew faith, rekindle love, and participate in the life of God's people on the move."

Robert Raines

"COME BACK TO GO AHEAD" "SEE YOU SUNDAY"

CHI RHO

need to leave our parking lot about 4:00 P.M. October 7th. See Bruce Lehman, Miriam Bixenman, or Sharon Pauley to register. Money for registration must accompany your registration, and must be in by Sunday.

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS

Series of flash floods in Kansas City area resulted in massive power failure, explosions and fires, some casualties, many homeless. Church World Service has already responded with material aid.

Several Christian Churches have water in basements. Community Christian Church, near area of worst damage, escaped flooding, is serving as feeding center for victims and rescue workers.

Marilynne Hill, Admin. Dir.

AREA I ASSEMBLY

This Sunday from 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. -- At First Christian in Auburn -- Combined Choirs singing. Workshops. Served meal at $2 or $1 for 10 and under.

CALL OFFICE TO REGISTER TODAY!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
9:30 A.M. Youth Discipleship
9:30 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive
11:00 A.M. Learning & Knowing Jesus

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
3:00 P.M. Area I Assembly Auburn
5:15 P.M. Drumbeat of Love
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:30 P.M. School of Christian Growth

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
9:30 A.M. Yoga
7:30 P.M. Fireside - Widlers

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
1:00 A.M. Christmas Ideas Workshop
7:00 P.M. Children the Challenge

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
1:15 A.M. New Testament
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDER MILK-3 QT., CANNED MEAT, CEREAL, NOODLES, TUNA FISH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1
9:30 & 11:00 A.M. Classes
3:00 P.M. Faith At Work - Here
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:00 P.M. C.Y.F. Officers
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. Sch. of Chr. Growth
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3
7:30 P.M. Sch. of Chr. Growth
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group
Cindy Akers, 4622 Danbury Dr.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4
9:00 A.M. Kepple Group
Virginia Bruckman, 3729 South Dr.
9:30 A.M. Yoga & Chr. Med.
9:30 A.M. Fat in the Head
Miriam Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5
9:00 A.M. Spice Group
Pauline Snyder, 4709 Schaper Dr.
:00 P.M. Christmas Ideas Work-
shop Miriam Bixenman's Home
7:00 P.M. Children the Challenge
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6
9:00 A.M. Higdon Group
na Smith 4321 Champlain Dr.
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The central act of our weekly worship becomes highlighted this Sunday as the virtual whole of Christendom joins together in celebrating the Lord's Table as the whole people of God. We invite all who claim Jesus as Lord to participate with Him this Sunday in Communion. All barriers and obstacles fall way to our response to his act of love for us in the cross and our receiving Him afresh in the elements of his broken body and shed blood. Join us at First Christian at 8:15 A.M., 10:45 A.M., or 7:00 P.M. for a Eucharistic Celebration with the communion of the saints of all places and all times.

"GOD'S PURPOSE- -OUR OPPORTUNITY"

In preparation for the Sunday morning sermon, be reading Genesis 33:24-31; Amos 8:4-7; I Timothy 2:1-8; and Luke 16:1-13. Struggle to know God's purpose and allow it to define and magnify our opportunity. Allow God's purpose of reconciliation to become an opportunity in giving.

SERVING OCTOBER 2

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and Ross Harter

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. S. Thompson, E. Brown, S. Rayl, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. E. Conrad, S. Schell, B. Hendricks, C. Cline, H. Stevenson, R. Baugher, S. Knuckles, Mark Akers

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10:45 A.M. Armella Newman, Cheryl Busse, Kim Johnson

IN HOSPITAL

LUTHERAN: 634 - Mr. Charles Harshbarger

419 - Melanie Baugher

Miriam Bixenman

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To Jim & Bev Hudlow, a son, James Westin, on 9/22/77.

OCTOBER BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Our regular meeting is at 7:30 P.M. next Tuesday, Oct 4 in the Conference Room. Written Reports from the Planning Day will be shared by the committees. All officers, Chairpersons, and representatives are asked to be present.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER:

October 2-8, 1977

Cynthia Yentes
Jessie Fern Woodward
Paul Goetz
Joan Penny
Helen Reynolds
Daniel Auer
Melanie Baugher
Carolyn Eckstein
Vaughn Brickley
Virginia Bruckman
LaVerne Hunt
Edna Johnson
Arthur Busse
Merle Grimm
William Caldwell
Laurence Colman
William Franklin
Barbara Hayes
Jo Ellen Hendrickson

These persons are prayed for during Celebration Worship on Sunday evening, during Staff Prayer time each morning and by several other groups of the Church. They are also held in prayer by various members and friends on a personal and private basis. We invite all to join in such intercessory prayer. For examples search such Scriptures as Ephesians 1:16-23; 3:14-21; Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:9-14; and Jesus great Intercessory Prayer in John 17:1-16.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 2, 1977

UNITE IN WORSHIP AT THE MASTER'S TABLE!

BAZAAR BLASTS!!!

Only 50 more days till our Church Bazaar! Momentum is building, ople are excited, time is getting closer!!! We want every one of you give a loud "yes" and commit yourself to some part of this event. I thrilled to tell you the quilters are working long hours towards the mpletion of a lovely quilt; knitting needles are going at great speeds; ermanent" flower arrangements were never lovelier; Christmas ideas e bulging from every corner of our brains; plants never looked health- r; posters will soon be up; publicity will be haunting us; t h i n k - h i n k - t h i n k and please give us a c-a-l-l!!!

We need items for:

1. Fish Pond- inexpensive items for toddlers and young children call Marilyn Byers 747-2075
2. Grab Bag- new inexpensive items for any age call Ramona Ketner 447-2629
3. My Mothers Cupboard- any item you are tired of and want to contribute to the bazaar (no clothes)

Keep Working!!
Karen Flickinger

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HRISTIAN EDUCATION SAMPLER

A unique opportunity for all interested in Christian Education in he Church is coming to Fort Wayne on Sat. Oct. 8th. It is called a hristian Education Sampler, and is just that, since every participant ill have opportunity to sample 4 workshops during the day.

Workshops include: Inter-Generational Ministries, Mid-Life risis, Resource Center Development, Bible Study Leadership, Minis- ry With Youth, Music in Christian Education, Workship in the Crea- ive, and Ministry With Young Adults.

The event will be held at First Presbyterian Church from 8:30 - :45, and the registration fee of $7.50 includes lunch. The church ill pay half of this fee for any enrolling. No partial enrollments. he workshop is sponsored by The Associated Church of Fort Wayne and he Indiana Council of Churches. See Mrs. Bixenman or Dr. Cline for egistration before Oct. 3rd.

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25TH ANNIVERSARY OF BUILDING DEDICATION

Our worships on Sunday, November 13, 1977 and our congregational inner at 12:15 on that day will celebrate 25 years in this building and site and will recognize all members of 25 years or more! Mark our calendar now for November 13th!

THREE-QUARTERS THERE:

We have finished the third quarter this year. Many games are won in the fourth quarter! Let's do that in our basic church giving this year in this fourth quarter. We need $33,693.60 in such giving by December.

SEPTEMBER AVERAGES:

Church Worship	285
Church School	131
Thr. the Week Educ.	48
Program Support	$2,123.94
Building Fund	$ 210.46

NEW MEMBER DURING SEPTEMBER:

Robert Baron

NEW C.Y.F. OFFICERS:

President - Cory Church
Vice President - Anne Lee
Secretary-Treasurer - Kathy Lee
Area I President - Diana Wortley
Regional Vice President - Carol Cline
Counselors: Mel & Barb Busse & Ralph & Judy Church.
Staff: Harold E. Cline

This group will have a meeting at 4:00 next Sunday for planning purposes.

RECONCILIATION OFFERING:

$87.18 has been received to date for this special cause towards our goal of $500. Use special envelopes this Sunday for this over-and-above giving to meet needs of poverty, racism, oppression and other pockets of reconciliation problems in our American life.

GRASP THE OPPORTUNITY

The Reconciliation program of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is entering its 10th year. It has proven itself a viable and much-needed ministry.

The opportunities offered are like those represented in William Holman Hunt's famous painting. "The Light of the World," which depicts Christ at the door: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in..." The painting portrays the movement when human destiny hangs in the balance, when divine love patiently waits upon human reluctance.

The concept of reconciliation was born in the mind of God. The Creator made that concept clear by disclosing self-giving love in the person of Jesus, who calls on us to make the ministry of reconciliation real among humankind.

There is hope and challenge in the program of Reconciliation because of the way people have responded. It gives us cause for celebration. Reconciliation is a means of translating our faith, love, and commitment into productive, meaningful accomplishments. Grasp the Opportunity and help make God's concepts become realities in the World!

Use special envelopes in sets or pews to support Reconciliation this Sunday! We are aiming for $500! GIVE!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8
9:30 A.M. Chr. Ed. Sampler
9:30 &11:00 A.M. Chld. Classes
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. Sch. of Chr. Growth
5:30 P.M. Youth Fellowships
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10
1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild
Lorea Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw
7:00 P.M. New Testament
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Chr. Med.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11
9:30 A.M. Yoga & Chr. Med.
12:00 Noon Nelson Group
Valetta Parlette, 4006 Tacoma Ave.
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Comm.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12
1:00 P.M. Christmas Ideas Workshop
7:00 P.M. Children the Challenge
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13
9:30 A.M. Rivera Group
1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group
Mrs. Wm. Crouse, S. Calhoun
1:15 P.M. Sch. of Chr. Growth
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Fireside

"IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD WHO GIVES LIFE"

This is the sermon title this Sunday based on the lectionary texts of this Sunday, namely Amos 6:1-7; I Timothy 6:11-16; and Luke 16:19-31. What does it mean to live all of life "IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD WHO GIVES LIFE".

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"As God has called you, live up to your calling." Ephesians 4:1

CALLED TO BE an authentic person expressing creative uniqueness.
CALLED TO BE a caring person reaching out as Jesus did.
CALLED TO SERVE others in a specific and sacrifical way.
CALLED TO GROW through learning and relating in the community of faith.
CALLED TO WITNESS the reality God has called you, live up to your calling.

SERVING OCTOBER 9

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and Glenn Miller

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Steve Harter

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. D. Allen, C. Hetrick, D. Keebortz, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. R. Jenkins, W. Bowen, G. Falbe, C. Schwartz, D. Wortley, B. Love, M. Byers, M. Akers

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Allen-NW, C. Hetrick-SW

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jim and Becky Stucky

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. Kathy Lee

10:45 A.M. Sue Thompson, Cindy Akers, Barb Finkhousen

IN HOSPITAL

ST. JOSEPH: 821 - Mrs. Ardith Wrisk

PARKVIEW: 749 - Helen Sheerin

PANTRY NEEDS: USED DIAPERS, CANNED MEAT, CEREAL, FRUIT, APPLESUACE, POWDER MILK, CANNED SOUP

THANKS:

Thanks to all of you for cards, wishes, and expressions of celebration with us for our Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

Paul & Grace Truby

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

Dr. and Mrs. William C. Kerley and son, Clark, 5311 Winchester Rd., - 19, 747-3628, identified with us Sunday. Bill came from South Wayne Baptist Church; Sue from First Christian of Cambridge City; and Clark made his confession and was baptiz ed. Bill is a Veterinarian and operates the Anthony Animal Clinic. Sue formerly taught at Bishop Luers High School. Clark is a Fifth Grader at the Christian Day School. We welcome this family group into our Fellowship!

WIN IN FOURTH QUARTER!

Believe, Pray, and Give

that we may reach our Goal needed for Program Support by Dec. 31 1977, namely $115,792.

Giving - 10/2/77	$2,844.67
Average to Date	2,126.47
Average Needed	2,227.00
Giving to Date	85,058.62
Needed Yet	30,733.38
Goal for 1977	$115,792.00

LET'S PUSH ON TO VICTORY!

Few, If any of us, could do it alone; TOGETHER IN CHRIST WE CAN!

THANKS:

Leslie and I want to thank Dr. Cline, Miriam Bixenman and Steve Doles for their prayers and visits while Leslie was in the hospital. Also for the prayers said for Leslie. We hope God heals him so he can come back to church soon.

Hortense & Leslie Futterer

C.W.F. VISIT TO FLINN HOME

Our C.W.F. will be visiting the Emily E. Flinn Home in Marion on Tuesday, October 18.

All who are planning in time to eat with the residents are asked to meet at the church parking lot by 10:30 A.M. A meal will be provided at a cost of $2.00 or beverage furnished if individuals wish to take a sack lunch. Those going only for the program and afternoon will be leaving the parking lot at 12:00 noon.

An afternoon of worship and fellowship is planned. Help make this an enjoyable visit. Small children are appreciated greatly by the home residents.

Call the church office by Sunday, October 16th concerning plans to go!

ROLLER SKATING PARTY:

All are invited to come and bring guests on Tuesday, Oct. 25. at the Roller Dome South on Bluffton Rd. from 6:30 to 9:00. Tickets are available at $1.50 for adults and children under 12 for $1. Skates can be rented for 75¢.

Any profit will go to help purchase new choir robes and stoles. Tickets can be purchased now at the church office or from Jim & Becky Stucky, 447-3826. They will be available during Coffee Hour at 11:45 A.M..

ALL CHURCH GOLF OUTING

An all-church golf outing is planned for Sat., Oct. 15 beginning at 8:00 A.M. at the Brookwood Golf Club. If interested, call George Davis 446-7321 by Wed. Oct. 12th.

CALL FOR MUSICAL DRAMA PERSONS

There will be a meeting for all persons who are interested in being involved in a musical drama, "BIRTHDAY PARTY" to be given during the Christmas Season at 3:00 on Sun., Oct. 16th.

Acting parts are available for all ages. Persons are needed for scenery, makeup and special effects. Persons to be involved in the music portion will not begin rehearsing until Nov. 6 at 3:00 to 4:30 P. M. - however, those interested should contact Mel Busse as soon as possible.

If you enjoyed the "Everybody Gap" you will find this presentation equally satisfying. The drama has been written by members of our congregation. It will be directed by Barb Short and Music by Mel Busse. The music will be both modern and traditional and will be accompanied by diverse instrumentation.

SEE YOU AT 3:00 P.M. on Sun. Oct. 16 in the Worship Nave.

WE CAN MAKE OUR GOAL:

As of Sept. 30, 74 giving commitments were behind a total of $6,296.35 for 1977. As of Oct. 3rd, we were behind $4,021.38 in giving to date for 1977. We can reach our goal of $115,792 by December 31 if all will do their best!

RECONCILIATION GIVING:

Only $71.12 will take us to our goal of $500. Help if you can to achieve this mark.

AREA I ASSEMBLY AT AUBURN:

155 were registered for the Sept. 25th Area I Assembly at Auburn from six congregations. 36 registrations were from First Christian. Our Choir provided the largest number for the combined Choir anthems. Ruby Cline and Miriam Bixenman led two of the five workshops.

Barbara Short was elected for a two year term as vice-moderator of the Area and thus one of the two area voting representatives on the Regional Board of the Christian Church. Miriam Bixenman continues two more years on the Nominating Committee. Diana Wortley is Area C.Y.F. President for 1977-78.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
OCTOBER 9-15, 1977

Marilyn McDougle	*Emma Schell*
Teresa Meadows	*William Schilling*
Edna Nordblom	*Rychie Smell*
Siacia Ogles	*Jack Skelton*
Douglas Olson	*Marshall Smith*
Sharon Pauley	*Marilyn Snouffer*
Le Ann Penny	*Thelma Swift*
Elsie Presnell	*James Taylor*
Karen Rogers	*John Williams*
Wayne Rousseau	*Warren Webster*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

All youth of grades 7 through 12 are invited weekly for Bell Choir from 4:30 to 5:30 P.M. Mel Busse is desirous for all to show this Sunday at 4:30 P.M. -- If you must miss, please give him a call.

Eight of our Chi Rho youth and counselors will be attending the First Regional Chi Rho Event this Friday night and Saturday in Indianapolis.

FAITH AT WORK AT CONFERENCE:

The 1977 Fort Wayne Faith at w Conference will be held Friday evening and Saturday from 9:00 to 5:30 P.M. at First Wayne St. Unit ed Methodist Church. Registratio is needed now at $10.00 per per- son which includes the Sat. noon meal. Brochures are available in all entry ways.

Top leadership is coming for this event. Frank Springer of our National Staff who thrilled many last May as he shared a Dialogue Sermon and our congre- gational dinner is the Resource Leader. Frank was in business and investments for many years before deciding for the ministry. Jim Hollingsworth of our Nation- al Men's department will be grou facilitator. Jim was on our Lay Witness Mission team and was an aviation engineer prior to coming to our national staff as a lay leader. Steve Doles will be con- ference song leader.

Although the conference is across denominational linens and will include 20 or more reli- gious communions, it happens the outside leadership is from our Disciple background this year The theme is "JOURNEY INTO WHOL NESS" based on Mark 12:28-34. Se sions are 7:00 to 10:00 on Friday evening the 4th and 9:00 to 5:30 on Saturday the 5th.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

On October 15 and 16 our C.Y.F will have a Camp Out at Twin Mill and will lead the Sunday morning worship at 9:30 A.M.. Those goi on Sat. need to contact Mel Busse Those going up early Sunday are t contact Ralph or Judy Church.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

URDAY, OCTOBER 15
0 A.M. Crew to paint
0 A.M. Youth Discipleship
00 A.M. Learning & Knowing Jesus

DAY, OCTOBER 16
5 A.M. CYF leave for Twin Mills
5 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worships
0 A.M. Church School
0 P.M. Chi Rho meet for Zoo
0 P.M. Christmas musical tryouts
0 P.M. Bell Choir
5 P.M. School of Chr. Growth
0 P.M. Youth Fellowships
0 P.M. Celebration Worship

DAY, OCTOBER 17
0 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
0 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.

SDAY, OCTOBER 18
0 A.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
30 A.M. Meet for trip to Flinn Home

NESDAY, OCTOBER 19
0 P.M. Christmas Ideas Workshop
0 P.M. Children the Challenge

RSDAY, OCTOBER 20
0 P.M. Chancel Choir

TRY NEEDS: CRACKERS, CEREAL, ANNED FRUIT, CANNED MEAT, ANNED VEGETABLES

THANKS, WE DID IT!

Our special Reconciliation offering went over our goal of $500 with a total of $513.88. Thanks to all who shared in this effort!

SCRIPTURAL PONDERING

Did you ever wonder if caring and giving really is the way you want to go with your life and then find out that it is? Have you ever been touched by the care and love of someone just when you were convinced that it never could happen to you. Did you ever work as hard as you thought you could work and then find out your task had really just begun, and no one was going to make a hero out of you for doing it??

PONDER LUKE 17:1-11
Our Lord calls us to care for one another. Our Lord calls us to give to one another. Our Lord calls us to offer his love to one another. Our Lord calls us to serve one another.

SERVING OCTOBER 16

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and Robert Hendricks

10:45 A.M. Margaret Love and Bert Leversee

DIACONATE

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman, C. Church, E. Place, K. Place

10:45 A.M. R. Orr, M. Crouse, S. Allen, M. Finkhousen, K. Taylor, A. Benny, E. Nordblom, R. Krull

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman-NW, C. Church-SW

10:45 A.M. R. Orr-NE, M. Crouse-NW, S. Allen-SE, M. Finkhousen-SW

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Dean Widler - Doug Allen

Merle Grimm - Walter Bowen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Susan Knuckles and Rose Jenkins

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:15 A.M. Judy Rueger

10:45 A.M. Karen Flickinger

ACOLYTES

10:45 A.M. D. Ketner, M. Orr

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Max & Lois Finkhousen

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. P. Akers

10:45 A.M. B. Stucky, N. Lucas, C. Cline

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

821 - Mrs. Ardith Wrisk

551 - Mrs. Deann Halbrook

PARKVIEW:

749 - Mrs. Helen Sheerin

CALLING ALL PAINTERS!!!

Bring brushes, rollers, roller pans, drop cloths and come this Saturday morning at 8:30 A.M. The first task is painting the hallways and stairways of the administrative wing.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

The next effort is SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22. Have papers to the church by 9:00 A.M. that morning. If unable to bring to church building, call the church office for pick-up.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Marie Pritchard in the death of her only sister in Kentucky this past week.

To Mrs. Ruby Johns in the death of her sister, Laura E. Shoppel, on October 7.

To Mrs. Alice Nulf in the death of her mother, Emma White, on October 8.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To William J. Schilling in being promoted from plant manager of the Pontiac facility to corporate manager of industrial engineering by Rea Magnet Wire Co.

WIN DURING FOURTH QUARTER!

Believe, Pray, and Give so that we may reach our GOAL needed for Program Support by Dec. 31, 1977, namely, $115,792.

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Average to date	2,130.62
Average needed	2,227.00
Giving to date	87,355.63
Needed yet	28,436.63
GOAL FOR 1977	$115,792.00

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SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF BOARD ON OCTOBER 2, 1977

The Board approved a recommendation of the Church Vocation Scholarship Committee that Ronald Scott Connerly be granted a Scholarship for the 1977-78 year at Princeton Theological Seminary from the earnings of our Church Vocation Scholarship Memorial Trust Fund. He is the husband of Debbie Allen Connerly. This makes two grants for the current year, namely, Steve Doles at Taylor and Ron Connerly at Princeton Seminary.

The following motion is self-explanatory in light of other information being printed now weekly in THE TIDINGS. "We the Board, reaffirm our intent to encourage, pray, give, and work towards a full underwriting of our Program Support needs of at least $115,792 during 1977 and challenge the congregation to achieve this goal by December 31st."

Upon recommendation of the Education Committee the following persons were elected as Church School personnel:

TEACHERS: Linda Johnstone - Crib Room - indefinite term with summers off
Debbie Brian - Kindergarten - 3 year term
Andrea Benny - 1st & 2nd Grade - 3 year term
Sally Cline - 5th & 6th Grade - 1 year term with option of 3 year term
Bob & Sharon Pauley - Chi Rho Class - 3 year term

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS - All 1 year terms
Eileen Klepfer - 3rd & 4th Grade
Barbara Love - 5th & 6th Grade
Edna Nordblom - 5th & 6th Grade
Peggy Buskirk - Children's departments
Karen Flickinger - Children's departments

Six of the standing committees presented written goaling sheets for the current church year. These will be highlighted as space permits in coming issues of THE TIDINGS.

Present were 23 members and 4 had sent regrets. Coming dates for the Board include: Next regular meeting - Tuesday, November 8 at which time all Budget requests for 1978 are to be submitted; Celebration Sunday for present location and building and honoring of members for 25 years or more on Sunday, November 13; and Regular December meeting on Tuesday, December 4.

25th ANNIVERSERY CELEBRATION SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 13, 1977
Celebrating 25 years at this location, the 25th Anniversery of the Dedication of this building, and honoring members of 25 years or more.

CHI RHO ACTIVITIES

Eleven attended the Chi Rho Regional Youth Event in Indianapolis last weekend, namely, Laura & Tim Sauerwein, Terri Smith, Eric Jenkins, John Wortley, Sharon & Tim Knuckles, Mai & Sharon Pauley, Pat Flennery and Bruce Lehman.

The Chi Rho Fellowship (All SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS) will be going to the Zoo this Sunday afternoon, the 16th. Meet at the Church Parking Lot at 2:30 P.M. and bring $2.00.

CYF LEADING WORSHIP AT TWIN MILLS

Our CYF will meet at the church parking lot at 7:15 A.M. this Sunday in order to go to Twin Mills Campground to lead the Sunday worship there.

CHURCH BASKETBALL

Contact the church office or sign up in the hallway opposite the office now if you are interested in playing this winter.

One team will be adults and older teenagers and there might also be a league for age 15 and under. Sign up now so we can know who to count on and so that practices can be scheduled. Mel Busse is our team representative.

CALL FOR QUILTERS

Come and work on the quilt for the Bazaar during the mornings, afternoons, or evenings. The quilt is on the frame and ready to go. Call Beth Schwartz 445-9383 in eves.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

The CWF is serving the luncheon for Church Women United for World Community Day on November 4, 1977 at 12 noon here at First Christian. Reservations for those who plan to attend the meal and program are to be made to:

Mrs. Arthur Lamle
10810 Goshen Rd. Rt. #3
Fort Wayne, IN 46818

The cost is $2.50 and child care is available if indicated. Children are to eat before coming milk and cookies will be provided.

SHARE LOVE, VISIT FLINN HOME!

All are invited to join the CWF in a visit and program at the Flinn Home in Marion next Tuesday the 16th. Call the church office to make reservations if you will meet at 10:30 to eat there or if you desire to leave later at 12:00 without the meal involvement. Let the office know by Sunday.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
OCTOBER 16-22, 1977

Carolyn Burkett	*William C. Kerley*
Virgil Buchanan	*Charles Ludwig*
Cheryl Busse	*Pauline Meadows*
Carol Cline	*Bud O'Laughlin*
Alyce Fuchshuber	*Richard Penny*
Gertrude Heavin	*Terry Rosenberry*
Helen Jordan	*Valeria Taylor*
Florence Huddleston	*Tom Rayl*

CALL FOR MUSICAL DRAMA PERSONS

All acting parts, musical parts, technical staff--all interested in being involved in the musical-drama for Christmas, "THE BIRTHDAY PARTY" are asked to be present this Sunday at 3:00 P.M. in the Worship Nave. If there are questions of if it is impossible to be present Sunday, call Mel Busse or Barb Short.

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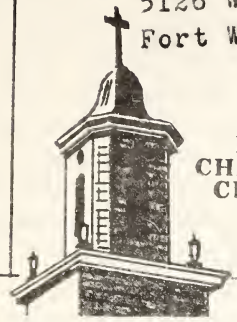

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive
11:00 A.M. Learning to Know Jesus
6:00 P.M. Chi Rho to Haunted House

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:00 P.M. Chi Rho
5:15 P.M. School Chr. Growth
5:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24
7:00 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25
9:30 A.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
6:30 P.M. Skating Party
7:00 P.M. Quilting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26
7:00 P.M. Children the Challenge

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27
1:15 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
7:00 P.M. Outreach & Service
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling

PANTRY NEEDS: 3 qt. size POWDERED MILK, CEREAL, OATS, CANNED FRUIT

GREETINGS IN OUR LORD JESUS!

May I share a word of expectation --George Wascovich, the pastor of this congregation from 1956 to 1966 will be preaching during both morning worship hours on our Celebration Sunday, November 13. Pass the word along! We are also anxious that members and friends of 25 and more years ago be given a word of invitation to come and join us for our Celebration Worship and Celebration Dinner at 12:15 P.M. on November 13.

This Sunday morning will be highlighted by a message by Steve Harter, our Chairman of Elders. He will be sharing the impact of Christ and this church upon his life in these last three years. Steve has been active as a class member, a basketball player, an elder, evangelism committee member, and volunteer painter. Hear this witness by one of our own this Sunday. Steve teaches sixth grade at Lindley School during the week.

William Love will preside at the 8:15 A.M. Worship Hour and Barbara Short will preside at the 10:45 A.M. Hour.

(Continued on page 4)

SERVING OCTOBER 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Rayl and Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and Dean Widler

DIACONATE

8:15 A.M. S. Rayl, B. Lehman, S. Thompson, E. Brown

10:45 A.M. G. Davis, B. Hendricks, E. Conrad, S. Schell, C. Cline, H. Stevenson, S. Knuckles, R. Baugher

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Eileen Klepfer and Peg Buskirk

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10:45 A.M. Mark Akers

COFFEE HOUR HOST

Carole Overmyer

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. P. Bickel, B. Schwartz, B.S. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 438 - Mr. Ed Allen

LUTHERAN: 4-West - Renee Pence

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED: To Loretta Orr and family in the death of her grandfather, Roy Bolinger, on 10/13 in Logansport.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

MRS. DORIS BUSHEY, 430 Stephand, 19, 747-4747, identified with our congregation in a transfer of membership from West Creighton Sunday. Doris is the mother of 7 children of whom two are still at home, Laurie, a sophmore at Wayne, and Marc, a first grader. She is employed at Harvester. Her husband, Al, is a contractor in Aluminum siding and is an active member of St. Joseph's parish of the Roman Catholic Church. We welcome Doris and her family in this expression of relationship!

SPECIAL CHURCH SCHOOL STUDY

The Gospel Seekers Class is beginning a special study of THE GREAT DIVORCE by C.S. Lewis this Sunday with special leadership by Eunice Conrad. The Harmony Class is involved in a special study of THE COMPANY OF THE COMMITTED led by Steve Harter.

MOMENTUM IN FOURTH QUARTER:

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST WE CAN!

C O M I N G ---------- B A Z A A R

Yes, its official!!! November 18 and 19 are the dates! Mark your calendars now! This all-church family bazaar is for you and all your relatives and friends. The sucess of this event depends on you! Our goals for this bazaar are to purchase new tables for Fellowship Hall, help purchase new choir robes, contribute to world outreach, purchase neck microphones and purchase new coat hangers. These goals are a huge challenge, but we feel we can do it!

HOURS FOR THE BAZAAR ARE:
Friday, November 18, 5:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Saturday, November 19, 9:00 - 5:00 P.M.

The following shops will be available if we get enough items to fill them:

1. *NEEDLE SHOP - Beth Schwartz*
2. *MY MOTHER'S CUPBOARD - Irene Current*
3. *CREATIVE HANDS (crafts) - Rose Jenkins*
4. *THE GREEN THUMB (plants) - Nila Schilling*
5. *THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT - Barb Hayes*
6. *TOT AND TEEN SHOP - Rosemary Krull*
7. *SWEET TOOTH - Sandy Zimmerman*
8. *THUMB PRINT BOOTH - Elsie Widler*
9. *KISSING BOOTH - Dean Widler*
10. *GRAB BAG - Ramona Ketner*
11. *FISH POND - Marilyn Byers*
12. *ATTIC TREASURES - George Bruckman*

Babysitting will be provided at 25¢ per child except those mothers or fathers working a shop. There will be a Fish Pond, Grab Bag and 3 different movies for children in the chapel - one on Friday night, and two on Saturday.

Our beautiful quilt and other selected items will be sold during a Saturday auction (Marvin Crouse, auctioneer). Sealed bids over $200 will also be accepted for the quilt prior to the bazaar.

We will be serving Friday night dinner and Saturday lunch. Details later! We will be putting out fliers soon and hope you will call the office and take a handful to your future meetings. PLEASE call us or turn in your projects to the church office. Thank you all for the beautiful things already coming in!

Karen Flickinger

GREETINGS (from page 1)

We have eight persons who will share the sessions of the General Assembly of the Christian Church in Kansas City from Friday through Wednesday, our two voting delegates, Mildred Hartman and Ruth Plummer; two of our youth as voting delegates for Indiana and youth, Carol Cline and Diana Wortley; our staff members who have voting privileges, Miriam Bixenman and myself; and two non-voting delegates, Ruby Cline and Earl Plummer.

I will be preaching at the Messiah Church of the Brethren in Kansas City on Sunday morning as a part of the Assembly's witness in the area. I am also slated for election as vice president of the National Evangelistic Association for the coming two years and will be in its regular and board sessions on Thursday and Friday prior to the Assembly.

God bless you this day!

Harold E. Cline

CHI RHO ACTIVITIES

All 6th, 7th, & 8th graders are invited to go with Chi Rho to the Haunted House this Saturday night. Meet at the parking lot at 6:00 and the group will return at 9:00. Bring $1.50 plus other spending money desired.

Sunday evening Chi Rho will be moved up to 5:00 P.M. this Sunday as the group is making posters and having a Chili Supper. Bring 50¢ towards the meal.

PAINTINGS BY DOROTHY GREEN ARE NOW ON DISPLAY FOR SALE IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY!

PAPER DRIVE BY CHI RHO

This Saturday at 9:00 all Chi Rh youth are asked to be present t load and sell old newspapers. Bring to church by 9:00 Saturday c call the church office for pick up

ROLLER SKATING PARTY:

All are invited to come and bring guests on Tuesday, October 25, at the Roller Dome South on Bluffton Road from 6:30 to 9:00. Tickets are available at $1.50 for adults and children under 12 for $1.00. Skates may be rented for 75¢.

Any profit will go to help purchase new choir robes and stoles. Tickets can be purchased now at the church office or from Jim & Becky Stucky, 447-3826. They will also be available during Coffee Hour on Sunday.

CORRECTION

It was Tim Briggs rather than Tim Sauerwein who participated in the Chi Rho Event.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
OCTOBER 23-29

James Heiney Emma Phillips
Delores Overmyer Robert Petty
Phyllis Brickley Gwynth Rice
Virginia Brown Golden Rose
John Freed Kurt Schryver
Hortense Futterer Sue Kerley
Sandra Meadows Carrie Smelser
John Olson Hortense Stevenson

SATURDAY BAZAAR WORKSHOP

This Sat., Oct. 22, in Fellowship Hall from 11:00-12:00. Led by Andrea Benny to make Christmas Santa dolls and soldiers. Bring yourself!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

ATURDAY, OCTOBER 29
1:00 A.M. Learning to Know Jesus
UNDAY, OCTOBER 30
:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
:00 P.M. UNICEF Party
:30 P.M. Bell Choir
:15 P.M. School of C.G.
:30 P.M. Youth Fellowships
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
ONDAY, OCTOBER 31
:00 A.M. DMA leave for trip
:00 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
:30 P.M. Christian Ed. Committee
UESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Fern Kenline, 2614 Abbey Drive
:30 A.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
:00 P.M. Quilting
EDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
:00 A.M. Spice Group, Betty Grimm, 1320 W. Sherwood Terr.
:00 A.M. Higdon Group, Kathlyn Banet, 933 W. Oakdale
:00 P.M. Children the Challenge
:30 P.M. Worship & Past. Rel.
:30 P.M. Drama Rehearsal
:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling
HURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3
:15 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

CELEBRATION SUNDAY-NOVEMBER 13

Word should be shared with former members--friends of First Christian-neighbors and others who might find meaning in our community. November 13 will be a RED LETTER DAY in the life of our congregation. This is a day to talk about.

Some of the thrilling things include:

--*honoring of 209 members of 25 years or more.*
--*memories of 25 years ago when First Christian moved to this location and when this building was first used for worship.*
--*visits by former leaders and members.*
--*George Wascovich preaching in the morning hours.*
--*Robert Cocherille singing and leading singing at the dinner.*
--*Janet Weicker singing during both worship hours in the morning*
--*Elders and Deacons from 1952 leading the communion*
--*The Chancel Choir leading with three anthems*

We invite all to worship at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. and to study at 9:30. The dinner will be a pot-luck at 12:15. Rolls and drink furnished. Covered dishes and table service will be needed.

SERVING OCTOBER 30

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and Steve Harter

10:45 A.M. Janet Weicker and Ross Harter

DIACONATE

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, E. Brown, D. Allen, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. C. Schwartz, B. Love, D. Wortley, M. Byers, D. Short, R. Jenkins, G. Falbe, W. Bowen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW, E. Brown-SW

10:45 A.M. C. Schwartz-NE, B. Love-NW, D. Wortley-SE, M. Byers-SW

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Glenn Miller - Scott Rayl

Dean Widler - Carl Schwartz

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eileen Klepfer & Peg Buskirk

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. S. Fleck, B. Busse, D. Wortley

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 438 Mr. Ed Allen

LUTHERAN: 670 Mrs. Ethel Birkhold

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED: To Mrs. Pam Akers in the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Anna Mounsey last week.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH: To Mr. & Mrs. Barry Nordblom, a son, Jarrod Matthew on 9/26/77. Paternal grandparents are Harold and Edna Nordblom.

DMA TRIP ON OCTOBER 31st!

The D.M.A. will make a trip on Monday, October 31 to Wapakoneta, Ohio. The itinerary includes:

Neil Armstrong Space Museum

Cheese Wedge (Cheese Outlet)

The Settlement (Reconstructed log buildings, crafts, etc.)

Each will eat on own at Chalet Inn or Lucky Steer. There is a cost of $1.50 to enter the Space Museum. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:00 A.M. and return by 3:00 P.M.

Please sign up at the church on Sunday or call the church office. We invite you to come and bring guests--we need to know those going to arrange transportation.

PAINT DAY - NOVEMBER 5

PAINTERS NEEDED!! We have several painting projects which must be completed. November 5 has been set as another PAINT DAY. Bring brushes, rollers, roller pans, drop cloths and come to the church at 8:30 A.M.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all, especially Dr. Cline, Miriam Bixenman, and Steve Doles for their many visits during my two hospital stays. I hope to see you in church soon.

Thelma Jackson

GIVING REPORT

Giving 10/23/77	$1,147.85
Average to date	2,100.89
Average needed	2,227.00
Giving to date	91,338.40
Needed Yet	24,353.60
Goal for 1977	$115,792.00

CELEBRATION SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 13

One of the highlights of our Celebration Sunday is the recognition of members of 25 years or more in our congregation. The following 209 persons have been listed among such members for this period of time. If there are errors or ommissions, please contact the church office. We salute these and will do all within our power to make it possible for them to share celebration day. We think that it is remarkable to have over 25% of our membership in this listing!

Ethel Allen, Vesta Allman, Audean Ashe, Bernard Ashe, Janice Ashton, Herb & Kathlyn Banet, Rocky Baugher, Carolyn Bechstein, Rosemary Becraft, Wanda Benya, Ethel Birkhold, Alan Blanton, William Branstrator, Jack Brickley, Vaughn & Marvel Brickley, George & Virginia Bruckman, Ellen Buchanan, Virgil & Lois Buchanan, Clair & Peg Buskirk.

Arlynn Call, Clevajean Case, Arthur Chevalier, Harold Childers, Martha Christy, Edna Clark, Irene Cline, Virginia Clausen, Robert & Esther Clipp, Laurell Cole, Myron & Candace Cole, Romane & Hariett Cole, Stanley & Martha Cole, Laurence & Lois Coleman, Marjorie Copeland, Marvin Crouse, William & Hazel Crouse, Irene Current.

Amelia Dare, Maxine Day, Shirley Dibble, Karen Doehrman, Maude Donahue, Donna Drudge, Dianna Duly, Kathryn Eich, Ruth Eiler, Raymond Finton, Anita Fitch, Freda Flaugh, Henry & Ethel Flowers, John & Catherine Freed, Charles & Alyce Fuchshuber, Earl & Reba Fusselman, John & Bette Gerrard, Charles & Dorothy Green, Ada Greider, David Griggs, Florence Hagar, Ed & Rosalie Hall, Cora Harnish, Mildred Hartman, Pearl Heidecker, Herdis Helmuch, James Hirschy, Mildred Hogg, Pauline Horn, William Howard, Howard & Mary Louise Howell, Mildred Hutchinson.

Iva Imbody, Beverly Johnston, Elmer Jordon, Helen Jordon, Evelyn Kanczuzewski, George King, Ethel Kinzie, Irene Kissinger, Ruby Kolkman, Lorea Kuhlman, James Lesher, Bert Leversee, Charles & Mary Sue Ludwig, Cora McKinny, Edythe Metcalf, Glenn & Lola Miller, William Miller, Frank & Elizabeth Moody, Dorothy Murphy, Harold & Edna Nordblom, Ruth Norton, Robert & Alice Nulf.

Florence Palmer, Opal Perkins, Marie Pritchard, Mary Piatt, Robert & Marilyn Rayl, Marie Redman, Ralph & Helen Reynolds, Cecil & Almeda Rice, Hugh & Gwynth Rice, Ralph & Doris Richard, Ethel Richart, Rolland & Genevieve Ripple, Eural & Golden Rose, John & Edith Roush, Eva Rousseau, F. Wayne Rousseau, Susan Rousseau, Raymond & Lila Russell, Raymond & Mildred Sarrazin, Al & Emma Schell, Lillian Scott, Ethel Shroyer, Joe Siples, Fred & Rychie Smell, Harvy & Carrie Smelser, Arza Smith, Don & Sarah Smith, Forest Smith, Marshall Smith, Homer & Hortense Stevenson, Bruce & Ruth Stone, Patricia Sweet, Morris & Thelma Swift.

Vada Tatman, Ben & Val Taylor, Beuford Tharp, Anna Tracey, Blanche Tucker, Willis Van Alstine, Blanche Valentine, Edith Varner, Edna Vaught, Garth Verner, Jack & Janet Weicker, Josephine Weyer, Kenneth Wheaton, Lillie Whitbey, Esther Whitten, Nita Wilson, Roxy Wunderlich.

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CELEBRATION SUNDAY (from page three)

Paul & Ruth Yentes, Ruth Yost, Delmas Young, Doretha Baker, Harold Bingham, Elaine Brudi, Marilyn Butler, Robert Cole, Robert Cruse, Virginia Dare, Sharon Daugherty, Bonnie Evans, Jack Flaugh, Opal Heller, James Hirschy, Benjamin McCarel, Sally McMahon, Alpha Piercy, Iris Raybourn, Muriel Wilson, Michael Young.

CWF SERVING CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

The CWF is serving the Church Women United luncheon on November 4 at 12:00 noon. Those helping with the food preparation and set up on Thursday, Nov. 3 are asked to meet at 1:00 P.M. Those working in the kitchen on Friday are to be here by 10:00. All food donations (if you have forgotten your assignment, call the church office) are to be in the kitchen between 9:00 and 10:00 on Friday.

BAZAAR BLASTS!!!

Flyers concerning the Bazaar are now out. Feel free to take some to future meetings. We would like for all items to be turned in by the first week in November so we can sort and price everything Please put items in church ofice or bazaar box by the south door. We will also be needing sacks of all sizes.

Presently we need articles for the Grab Bag. Call Ramona Ketner, 447-2629. These should be items for adults and children which we could sell for 50¢ or 25¢.

MEN--could you contribute some things to the bazaar? We would love to have a doll house, frames, shadow boxes, a train, candle holders, wodden ornaments, etc. Call Russ Wortley, 747-3949.

PANTRY NEEDS: 3 QT. POWDERED MILK, CEREAL, OATS, CANNED FRUIT

CHILDREN AND YOUTH TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 P.M. is the "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF Party at the church. Those in Kindergarten through 8th Grade may come masked and in costume. CYF youth will take the children out. Children will return to the church for a brief party and refreshments. Their will be special prizes for the funniest costume, the most original costume, and the scariest costume.

Any who wish to contribute to the world hunger and relief through UNICEF may give in the special containers which will be available in entry ways on Sunday Thus our youth will be credited with the giving.

PAINTINGS ON DISPLAY IN LIBRARY

The paintings of Mrs. Dorothy Green are on display in the Library. Any who wish to purchase a painting should see Tana Harter, the Church Librarian.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER OCTOBER 23-29

Helen Williams	*Beuford Tharp*
Robert Weddell	*Janet Weicker*
Edith Roush	*Irene Wooldridge*
Nila Schilling	*Klark Kerley*
Beth Schwartz	*Ken Taylor*
Sue Skelton	*Rex Alan Clifton*
John Steigerwald	*Robert Baron*
Ruth Stone	*Doris Bushey*

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5
8:30 A.M. Paint Day
11:00 A.M. Learning to Know Jesus
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Radio Broadcast - WGL
2:30 P.M. Play Rehearsal
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. School of C.G.
5:30 P.M. Youth Fellowships
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7
7:00 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
7:30 P.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Phyllis Tobias, 10719 U.S. 27 So. Lot 50
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
9:30 A.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
7:00 P.M. Quilting
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
7:00 P.M. Children the Challenge
7:30 P.M. Play Rehearsal
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10
9:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor
1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Maude Donahue, 2724 Hoagland
1:15 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
7:30 P.M. **Bazaar Committee**
7:30 P.M. **Chancel Choir**

SUNDAY WORSHIPS

"LETTING JESUS INTO THE CENTER THROUGH PRAYER" based on Luke 18:1-14 is the sermon for this Sunday by Dr. Cline. Steve Doles will be assisting with all worship hours this Sunday. Decisions and baptisms are anticipated Sunday during worship.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Call the church office and state your intent of participating in our Congregational Dinner on November 13. Plan now to come and bring others for our worships at 8:15 and 10:45 on that day when George Wascovich will be preaching. Let this day be a day of remembrance and honoring the gifts of those members 25 years ago.

RADIO BROADCAST

Our worship is broadcast this month WGL-1250 on the radio dial from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. These are taped services of the previous Sunday. It provides an opportunity for the sick or homebound to hear and share in our worship by radio.

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

All Board members are needed at 7:30 P.M. next Tuesday, November 8. All departmental budget askings are to be ready for presentation to the Stewardship Committee on Tuesday night.

BRING FOOD FOR "HORN OF PLENTY"

Items of food for our PANTRY PROGRAM are encouraged to be brought to worship during November. Our "Horn of Plenty" will be on our Chancel to receive your gifts.

UNICEF COLLECTION

Our Children and Youth received $54.06 last Sunday in UNICEF TRICK or TREATING. Others may add gifts for this Sunday in the Orange Boxes. This kind of aid is given children by gifts: 16¢-Vitamin A to protect 4 toddlers from nutritionally caused blindness for 1 year; 32¢ will protect 20 children against tuberculosis; 64¢ buys a woodworking chisel so children can begin learning carpentry; $11.00 delievers enough high protein food to feed 3 malnurished children for 1 month.

ADDITIONAL NAME TO 25 YEAR MEMBERS

It has been called to our attention that Nellie Buchanan has also been a member of this congregation for 25 years or more. Please notify us if we ommitted anyone.

FRUIT CAKES AVAILABLE

The Kepple Group of CWF is selling Fruit cakes again this year. They are going fast! Call Virginia Bruckman, 485-0168. $1.50 apiece.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY -- NOVEMBER 13

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS:

Several more are welcome to join the group of 11 in the current Adult Discipleship Class on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. in Room 132. Dr. Cline leads this eight week study in basic issues of Christian faith and life in the community of faith. Presentation and questions at the point of the class are highlighted. Come Sunday at 9:30 or call Dr. Cline and find out more about this class which runs at intervals during the year. It is open to both members and friends of the church.

CYF FALL EVENT "77"

Our Indiana CYF youth will be at First Christian Church in Oaktown on November 18 and 19. The theme is "Christians On the Way" with a keynoter, Don Bangeley of Crosslines. It starts with check-in at 7:00 P.M. on Friday and ends at 4:00 P.M. on Saturday. Registration includes a Friday night snack breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Housing is arranged by the host church.

Workshops include: 1. Daily Requirements of Being a Christian. 2. Sexuality. 3. Generation Gap/Open Affection. 4. Alcoholism, Drugs and Peer Presure. 5. Parents are Humans Too. 6. Dealing With Loss. 7. New Kid in Town. 8. Loneliness. Bring $2.50 this Sunday for registration and list your first two workshop preferences. Register with Steve Doles, Dr. Cline, the Ralph Churches, or the Mel Busses by this **Sunday night the 6th!**

THERE WILL BE A REGULAR CYF MEETING THIS SUNDAY AT 5:30 P.M.

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JOIN US IN CELEBRATION SUNDAY

We celebrate the vision, dedication, and sacrifice of those who 25 years ago relocated the home of First Christian Church from downtown and built our present facility for worship, study, fellowship, and service. We honor our 210 members who have belonged to our congregation for 25 years or more.

8:15 A.M. - MEDITATIVE WORSHIP

George Wascovich preaching; Harold Cline leading worship; Janet Weicker, soloist; Men's Quartet singing.

ELDERS: *Cecil Rice & Glenn Miller;* DEACONS: *George Bruckman, William Caldwell, Earl Fusselman, Jack Weicker*

9:30 A.M. - CHURCH SCHOOL

Regular Class sessions for learning. Because of Dinner preparations, the CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION CLASS will be in the Education Office - 301; HARMONY CLASS in Library; and COME DOUBLE CLASS in East Parlor-230.

10:45 A.M. - DIVINE WORSHIP

George Wascovich preaching; Harold Cline leading worship; Janet Weicker, soloist; Chancel Choir singing accompanied by trumpets and CYF Handbell Choir; Men's Quartet singing.

ELDERS: *Henry Flowers & William Crouse.* DEACONS: *Herb Banet, Myron Cole, Marvin Crouse, Harold Crowder, David Griggs, Bert Leversee, Robert Rayl, Rolland Ripple*

12:15 P.M. - ALL CHURCH POT LUCK DINNER

Bring covered dishes of food and table service - drink & rolls are furnished. Program includes solos and singing led by Bob Cocherille accompanied by Susan Jones; Remembrances by *William Crouse, Amelia Dare, Edna Vaught & Jack Weicker.* Pictures and Displays in designated rooms - visiting and fellowship.

SERVING NOVEMBER 13

See article on page 1 for schedule of ELDERS and DEACONS for serving both worship hours.

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS & NAME TAG MAKERS

8:00-8:20 A.M. S. Allen, B. Lehman, M. Hartman, B. Pauley, E. Place, K. Place, C. Hetrick, C. Church, C. Lee

9:15-9:40 A.M. P. Buskirk, R. Jenkins, S. Thompson, P. Yentes, C. Cline, A. Benny, D. Short, E. Brown

10:20-10:50 A.M. R. Krull, E. Klepfer, C. Schwartz, M. Finkhousen, M. Byers, H. Stevenson, K. Taylor, B. Hendricks, W. Bowen

12:00-12:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, R. Wortley, G. Davis, B. Love, R. Orr, S. Schell, G. Falbe, E. Conrad, D. Wortley

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Barbara Short - George Davis

Bert Leversee - Clarence Hetrick

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Elinor Place & Andrea Benny

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee

10:45 A.M. C. Busse, S. Thompson, B. Finkhousen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 400 Dan Church

784 - Mr. Les Futterer

684 - Mrs. Claire Schryver

ST. JOSEPH: 350 Mrs. Deann Halbrook

PARKVIEW: 603 Mrs. Elna Taylor

THANK YOU:

Thanks to all for calls, prayers, and cards during my stay in St. Joseph Hospital. Also a great "thank you" to the Progressive Class for the helpful book of prayers by Helen Steiner Rice. I will remember all of you this winter while I'm trying to recuperate in the Florida Sunshine.

Ardith Wrisk

FIVE RESPONSES TO INVITATION

DR. and MRS. MICHAEL MULLEN, 4330 S. Harrison, 07, 745-9154, identified with us in a transfer of membership from First Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) of Des Plains, Illinois. Mike is a Systems Analyst for Magnovox with a Ph.D. in physics. Pat is an avid reader and has two children in the home, Sarah who is 5, and Steven, age 3.

WADE SMITH, the son of Marshall and Sylvia Smith, 3115 S. Webster 07, 745-4576, made confession of faith and was baptized during Meditative Worship. He is a seventh grader at Fairfield Junior High and has interest in sharks and various sports. His father, Marshall, expressed a recommitment of life alongside his son.

TIM and SHARON KNUCKLES, the children of Tom and Susan Knuckles, made confession of faith and were baptized during Divine Worship. They have been sixth graders at Southern Heights Elementary School. On Wednesday the whole family moved to the Chicago area because of a transfer in Tom's employment with Am Track. Their new address is: 4043 W. 176th Place, County Club Hills, Illinois, 60477.

We welcome each of these and are aware of many others who could find growth through expression of commitments in our fellowship.

BAZAAR BLASTS!

Only 8 days until our bazaar! We certainly are making progress! We have received lots of items and are expecting a lot more!

I am thrilled to report that quilting needles have never been busier! We anticipate finishing the quilt in plenty of time for the auction. (We already have a sealed bid!) We thank every one of you! Please stop by the library to see the progress.

We still need items for the Fish Pond. Call Marilyn Byers, 747-2075. Next week's TIDINGS will have complete bazaar details along with floor plans which show where everything will be located. Watch for it and bring it to the bazaar.

Committee chairpersons are setting up schedules now for volunteer workers at the booths. Call one of the following if you can donate some time.

1. My Mother's Cupboard - Irene Current 456-1180
2. Grab Bag - Ramona Ketner 447-2629
3. Sweet Tooth - Sandy Zimmerman. 744-5689
4. Needle Shop - Beth Schwartz. 445-9383
5. The Green Thumb - Nila Schilling 447-1202
6. The Christmas Spirit - Barb Hayes. 432-3015
7. Fish Pond - Marilyn Byers. 747-2075
8. Creative Hands - Rose Jenkins. 456-6652
9. Attic Treasurer - George Bruckman. 485-0168

We also need babysitters! Please call Armella Newman, 485-4718

See you soon!
Karen Flickinger

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12
11:00 A.M. Learning to Know Jesus

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SUNDAY
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. School of Christian Growth
5:30 P.M. Youth Fellowships
7:00 P.M. Play Rehearsal
7:30 P.M. Special Program at Grace United Church of Christ

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14
1:30 P.M. Guild, Mildred Hartman, 422 W. Oakdale
7:00 P.M. Understanding the N.T.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
9:30 A.M. Yoga & Christian Med.
7:00 P.M. Quilting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
7:00 P.M. Children the Challenge
7:30 P.M. Play Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17
1:15 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
6:30 P.M. Evangelism Cluster at North Christian
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 & 19
Regional CYF event - Oaktown
ALL-CHURCH FAMILY BAZAAR

PANTRY NEEDS: 3 qt. POWDERED MILK, OATS, CRACKERS, CEREAL, CANNED FRUIT

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

All high schoolers are invited Sunday at 5:30 - Discussion on "ANGER": Worship-Cory Church; Games-Tim Sauerwein.

Mel Busse, Ralph & Judy Church, Cory Church, Carol Cline, Anne Lee, Kathy Lee, Kim Shipley, Diana Wortley, & Gary York are registered for the Regional Youth Event, November 18 & 19. Any more going - call Dr. Cline NOW!

CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP

Laura Sauerwein was elected secretary and Terri Smith treasurer last Sunday.

Regular Chi Rho at 5:30 this Sunday to make a radio spot announcement. Bring 50¢ for pizza!

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

We completed our membership the other week in this effort to pray for every member during a week of 1977. We will cover our entire membership again during 1978 with a few less names per week. Intercessory Prayer for those listed was on the personal level, in daily staff prayer time, in several groups and in Celebration Worship.

A CALL FOR ALL WOMEN!

Mark 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, December 3 for the CWF CHRISTMAS COFFEE - Special Christmas Program for all women! Saturday opens the door for many working women to attend!

THANKS FROM CHOIR

The Choir appreciates the support of their skating party on Oct. 25. $42 was cleared toward the robe fund. 90 persons attended. **The Choir has learned that Bob, Natalie, Lee & Bill Urich will be visiting during Thanksgiving week.**

REPLACING CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Our Celebration Worship will not be held on the 13th and all are invited to the Grace United Church of Christ, Webster & Lexington, at 7:30 P.M. to hear Millard Fuller, director of "Habitat for Humanity", a new frontier in Christian Missions. A millionaire at 30, he went after a radical conversion as a Disciple missionary to Zaire. His creative mind has pioneered in contemporary mission work.

HELP US MAKE OUR GOAL	
Giving for 11/6/77	$2,402.21
Average to Date	2,138.11
Average needed	2,227.00
Giving to date	96,215.06
Needed Yet	19,576.94
GOAL FOR 1977	115,792.00

LET'S PUSH ON TO VICTORY!

THANKS FOR PAINTERS AND CALL FOR MORE

We thank the following for painting and other property help last Saturday and one earlier one: George Bruckman, Delores Keebortz, Dan Flickinger, Don Short, Bill Love, Ed & Sue Allen, Steve Harter, and George Davis. Work is progressing on repainting the south administrative wing halls and stairways. Dan Flickinger installed new formica and sink in the kitchette.

A call is out for painters again this Saturday at 8:30 A.M. Will you help paint this Saturday morning?

HORN OF PLENTY FOR PANTRY!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 & 19
All-Church Bazaar (see inside insert for details)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. School of Christian Growth
5:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21
7:00 P.M. School of Christian Growth

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Thanksgiving Day-Church Office Closed

PANTRY NEEDS:
3qt POWDERED MILK
CEREAL
PEANUT BUTTER, SOUP
NOODLES, CANNED FRUIT
CRACKERS
BRING FOOD ITEMS THIS THANKSGIVING SUNDAY AND PLACE AROUND OUR CHANCEL HORN OF PLENTY

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

THANKSGIVING WORSHIPS - 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. - Sermon by Dr. Cline - "THANKSGIVING---OVERCOMING EVIL WITH GOOD." - Ephesians 4:17-32; 5:1,2, 15-20.

Our Choirs which added so much last Sunday are planning much for this week also including our Children's Choir at 10:45.

Celebration Worship in the evening will be a special ACTION Worship and so all participants need to be present promptly at 7:00 P.M.

THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS

Our Special Thanksgiving Outreach offering will be received during Church School and in the special Thanksgiving envelopes or marked Thanksgiving on the regular envelopes. $750 is a traget goal which we should easily surpass.

Regular Budget or Program Support is needed as we press on to achieve our full giving for the calendar year 1977.

Make a special Thanksgiving offering.

SERVING NOVEMBER 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and Dean Widler

10:45 A.M. William Love and Ross Harter

DIACONATE

8:15 A.M. D. Allen, P. Yentes, D. Keebortz, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, R. Jenkins, D. Short, G. Falbe, W. Bowen, D. Wortley, C. Schwartz, B. Love

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Allen-NW, P. Yentes-SW

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher-NE, R. Jenkins-NW, D. Short-SE, G. Falbe-SW

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ramona Ketner and Sandy Zimmerman

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. Arruza

10:45 A.M. C. Akers, B. Stucky, C. Cline

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 784-Mr. Les Futterer
694 - Mrs. Claire Schryver
494 - Mr. Elmer Jordon
M-209 - Mrs. Susie Watson
PARKVIEW: 603-Mrs. Elna Taylor

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED: To Connie Wells and family in the death of her brother last week.

To Karen Flickinger and family in the death of her grandfather, Arthur Keisling, in Logansport on 11/13.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

MRS. JOHN S. CRAIG, 2925 E. Maple Grove 06, 744-9332, identified back with us in transfer from Eastgate Christian Church in Indianapolis on Celebration Sunday. John, who died this past spring, had been Church School superintendent at the time of the move 25 years ago. Charline is the mother of four grown sons, two of whom are now married, and a grand child is expected. Mike is at home since graduation from Ball State. We rejoice with Charline.

NEXT PAPER DRIVE

The next drive sponsored by Chi Rho will be Saturday, December 3. Bring to church before that date or call for pick up to Bruce Lehman 625-4570; Bob & Sharon Pauley, 745-0925, or the church office by December 1.

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Arthur Benton Chevalier and Wanda June Robinette on November 11, 1977. They are residing at 611 Kinsmoor, 07, 456-6101.

SIX WEEKS TO GO!

Help us to achieve our goal of $115,792 by December 31st. Give regularly. Give generously. Make an extra special gift.

Giving for 11/13/77	$2,790.89
Average to date	2,156.24
Average needed	2,227.00
Giving to date	99,185.95
Needed yet	16,606.05
GOAL FOR 1977	115,792.00

If all will help, WE CAN!!!

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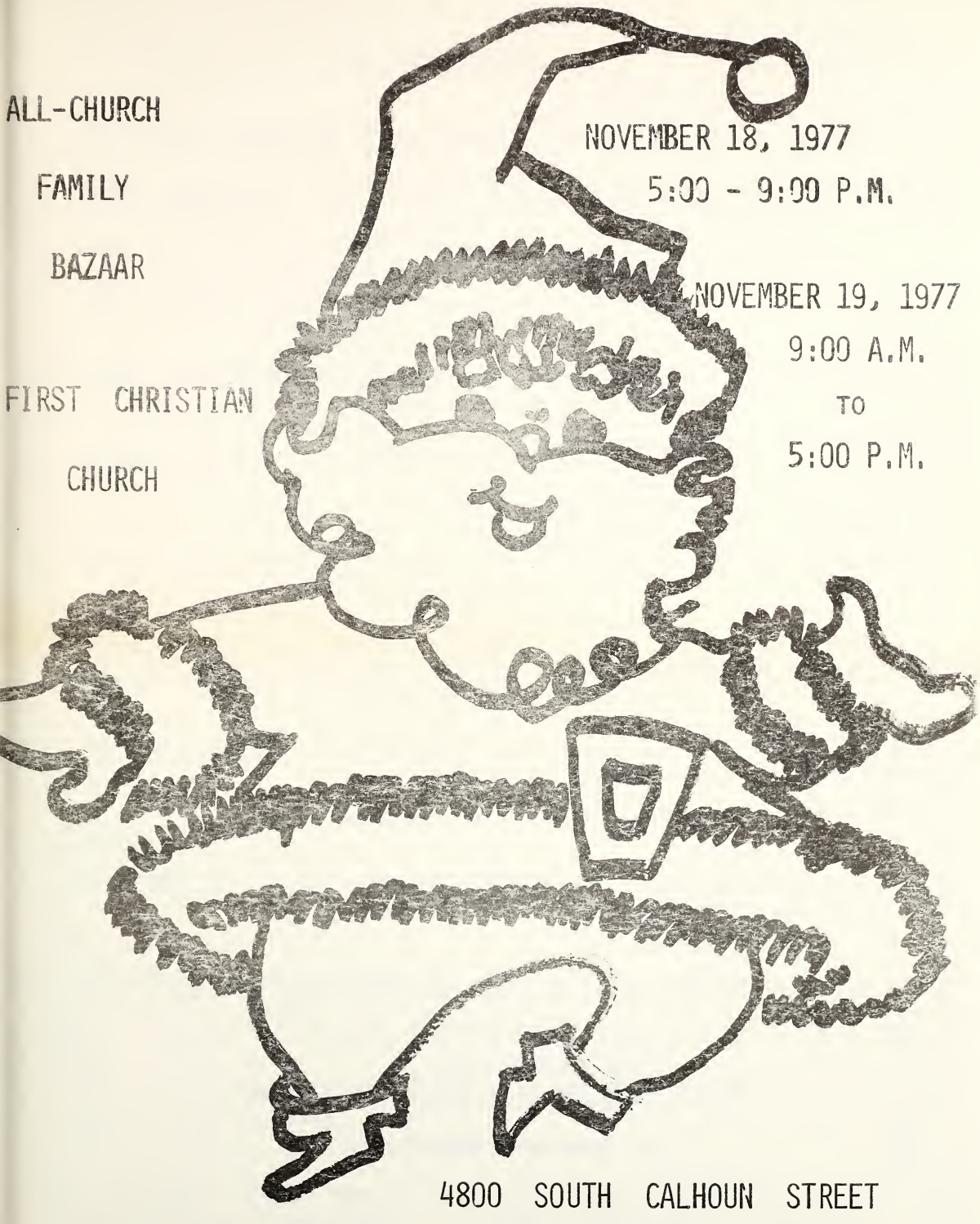

NOVEMBER 18, 1977

5:00 - 9:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 19, 1977

9:00 A.M.

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5:00 P.M.

4800 SOUTH CALHOUN STREET

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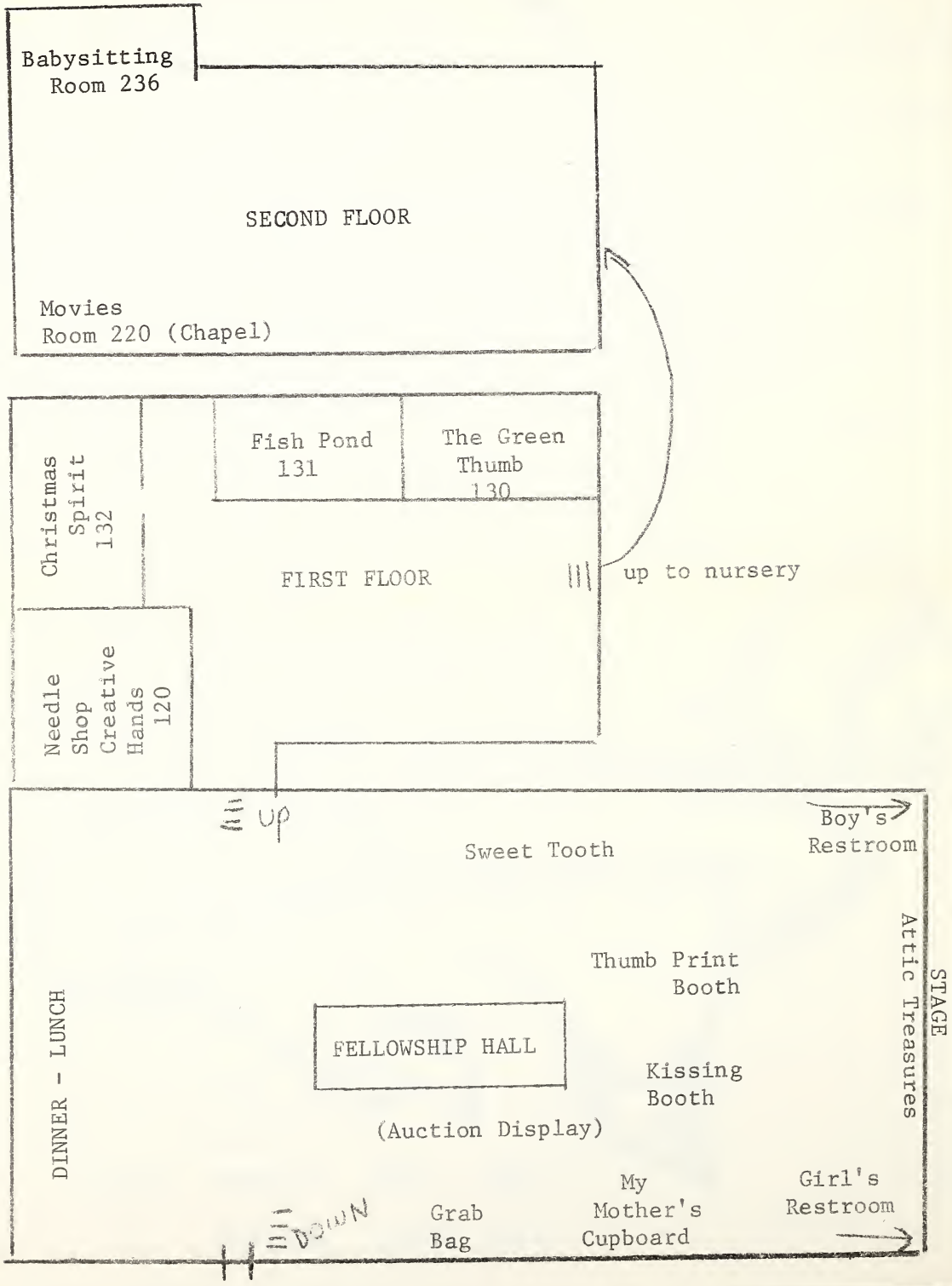
Babysitting
Room 236
SECOND FLOOR
Movies
Room 220 (Chapel)
Christmas Spirit 132
Fish Pond 131
The Green Thumb 130
FIRST FLOOR
up to nursery
Needle Shop Creative Hands 120
UP
Sweet Tooth
Boy's Restroom
Thumb Print Booth
STAGE
Attic Treasures
DINNER - LUNCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
Kissing Booth
(Auction Display)
DOWN
Grab Bag
My Mother's Cupboard
Girl's Restroom

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

1. MY MOTHER'S CUPBOARD - *used items - great bargains*
2. ATTIC TREASURES - (on stage) - *assorted church items including books*
3. GRAB BAG - *50¢ new usable items for adults, teens, children*
4. SWEET TOOTH - *cakes, cookies, candies, pickles, honey, jellies, pies, rolls, etc.*
5. THUMB PRINT BOOTH - *get your family together for a "thumb print" portrait*
6. KISSING BOOTH - *"frogs love people"*

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7. NEEDLE SHOP - Room 120 - *hats, gloves, mittens, needlepoint, place mats, purses, etc.*

   and

   CREATIVE HANDS - Room 120 - (crafts) *ceramics, plaques, decoupage, macrame, wooden items*
8. THE GREEN THUMB - Room 130 (library) - *plants, macrame hangers, decorated pots, permanent arrangements, silk flowers, straw flowers*
9. THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT - Rooms 132 and 133 - *ornaments, wreaths, glitter balls, stockings, angels, madonnas*
10. FISH POND - Room 131 - *the youngest child can "fish" here for 10¢*

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afghans, quilts, some attic treasures, paintings

"Grandmother's Flower Garden" - a lovely quilt made by women of First Christian Church, done in complimenting patterns of navy blue and white. Approx. size 94 x 118.

FRIDAY DINNER 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. - FELLOWSHIP HALL

TURKEY CASSEROLE OR SPAGHETTI WITH SLAW,
DESSERT, AND COFFEE, OR TEA, OR MILK.
$1.75 ADULTS $1.00 CHILDREN 12 and UNDER

SATURDAY LUNCH 11:00 - 2:00 - FELLOWSHIP HALL

HOT DOG OR SLOPPY JOE WITH POTATO CHIPS,
DESSERT, COFFEE OR POP OR MILK.
$1.00 ALL AGES 25¢ extra sandwich

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BABYSITTING - ROOM 236

25¢ per child (babies and toddlers thru age 4)

MOVIES - ROOM 220 (CHAPEL)

25¢ per child per session

7:00 P.M. FRIDAY
11:00 A.M. SATURDAY
2:00 P.M. SATURDAY

NO FOOD OR DRINKS OUTSIDE FELLOWSHIP HALL

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD ON NOVEMBER 8, 1977

The high weekly giving during October allowed the general fund to have the largest current balance which it has shown for many months. We are still short $5,000 in Basic Mission finance Support checks for 1977, however. We did catch up some and pay all outreach during October. The People Report shows many new additions to the church as well as a large number of new friends and a strong movement from non-participating to participating membership status.

The Board voted approval of a Worship & Pastoral Relations Committee recommendation that "on Sunday, December 25, that there be only one worship hour at 9:30 A.M. and no other program during the day." It also approved the same committee's recommendation that the Weekend Custodial Help be raised to the new national minimum wage $2.65 per hour, as of January 1

Upon recommendation of the Evangelism Committee, it was approved for a pastor-lay team of four be subsidized at one-half cost to participate in the HELPER Clinic at College Hill Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati on January 27-30, 1978. HELPER stands for How to Equip Lay Persons to Evangelize Regularly.

A very positive report of the Representatives to the General Assembly in Kansas City was shared with the Board from Mildred Hartman, Ruth Plummer, Miriam Bixenman, and Harold Cline. Classes or other groups would be welcome to ask for any of thses for reports. Strong appreciation and confidence was expressed for both staff and volunteer General level leadership.

A brief report was given from the ACTS Campaign of the Christian Churches in Indiana. Jack Weicker, William Love, and Andy Cook had attended along with staff at an informational meeting on November 1. This is for capital outreach and it is felt we must help but are limited at the present by the 22 and ½ per cent being accumulated from our present Building Fund for Capital outreach projects.

The Education Committee announced the annual Sock and Mitten tree and the Outreach Committee announced the Christmas Card Tree. Departmental askings for 1978 were submitted to the Stewardship Committee. The Property Committee announced the painting of the Administrative wing halls and stairs, the choir room, and new formica on the Kitchenette.

Present were 34 members and one of the absentees had expressed regrets.

A LETTER FROM THE CHURCH MODERATOR:

Dr. Dr. Cline:

While yesterday's commemoration of our 25th Anniversary is still fresh in my mind, as Moderator I want to thank you personally and on behalf of the congregation for the careful planning you engineered to ensure that that day would be remembered as a mountain-top experience in the memories of all of us.

The logistics connected with seeing that hot lunches were delievered, that those in wheelchairs were able to participate, that special music was provided, that Brother George was contacted (your idea originally) and was here, and that historical memorbilia were displayed--all of these chores were really left by the planning committee in your hands, and we are grateful for the marvelous manner in which you made the committee's dreams come true.

I know you concur with me that both the worship services and the dinner and program in Fellowship Hall were truly memorable events. I know those who shared their many different talents throughout the day were deeply appreciated. In short, I felt the entire day was a moving witness to the honor and glory of One who taught us to love one another in His name.

Jack E. Weicker,
Moderator

THE THANKS BELONG TO MANY:

The 25 Year Group who made suggestions, the staff, the telephoners, the musicians, the dinner workers, the deacons, our guests, and all who came and "made the day." THANKS TO YOU! (Editor's Note HEC)

CHI RHO

Chi Rho Fellowship will meet this Sunday from 12:00-3:00 P.M. They are meeting at this hour in order to have sunshine to work on the movie they are making. Each is asked to bring money for lunch. If if should rain, the group will meet at 5:15 and work on their radio script doing the movie making another time. If the meeting is at 5:15, please bring 50¢ for chili.

DMA FOR NOVEMBER

The annual "Eating out" by the DMA will be Tuesday, November 29 at Bill Knapp's on Coldwater Road at 12:00 noon. This is a Birthday Party and programming is being planned by Fred & Rychie Smell. We will elect a Steering Committee for 1978. Plan for this day! Some may pool rides at the church parking lot at 11:30 or go directly to Knapp's at 12:00. Call the office, 744-3239, if you plan to go.

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - NOVEMBER 27 - Worship at 8:15, 10:45 A.M., 7:00 P.
Lighting of First Advent Candle
SERMON - "PREPARED FOR THE MOMENT OF GOD"
Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 27:37-44

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 4 - Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M.
SERMON - "THE SPIRIT OF GOD BREAKS THROUGH"
Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12
Thanksgiving for Childbirth and Dedication of Parents
HANGING OF THE GREENS - 6:00-8:00 P.M. - An all-church decorating party with closing worship experience.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 11 - Worship at 8:15 & 10:45 A.M.
SERMON: "A NEW BLOSSOMING EXPERIENCE"
Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11
CHRISTMAS CAROL SONG FEST - 7:00 P.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 18 - Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M.
SERMON - "EMERGANCE OF A COURAGE TO BE"
Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25
CHURCH WIDE CHRISTMAS CAROLING - 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIPS - 7:00 AND 11:00 P.M.

7:00 Children and Family Christmas Worship
11:00 Musical Drama Celebration "The Birthday Party"

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M. ONLY
SERMON - "GLORY TO GOD"
Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

SERVING NOVEMBER 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and Ben Taylor

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and Glenn Miller

DIACONATE

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman, C. Church, E. Place, K. Place

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse, B. Love, M. Finkhousen, A. Benny, M. Byers, S. Allen, M. Akers, R. Orr

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman-NW, C. Church-SW

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse-NE, B. Love-NW, M. Finkhousen-SE, A. Benny-SW

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Robert Rayl - Michael Byers

Ben Taylor - Bob Pauley

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ruby, Sally, and Carol Cline

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. E. Widler

10:45 A.M. N. Lucas, P. Bickel, B.S. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 694 Mrs. Claire Schryver

THANK YOU:

Thanks for visits, cards, and prayers while I was in the hospital.

Mary Wagner

THANK YOU NOTES

I wish to sincerely thank Pastor Cline and my many friends who remembered me with their prayers, visits and cheery notes while I was in the Parkview Hospital recently.

I am glad to report my eyesight is graually returning for which I am most grateful.

Sincerely,
Elna Taylor

I wish to thank all those who sent cards, came to visit and prayed for me during my recent stay in the hospital.

Dan Church

Dear Friends at First Christian:

We want to thank you for making November 13 a big day for us. First those who brought communion, then those who brought the delicious dinner. And finally the beautiful arrangement of mums which has lasted more than a week.

But the memories of these kindnesses will last much longer. We especially appreciate the cards, calls, prayers and other kindnesses from so many of you.

Love,
Hugh and Gwynth Rice

Dear Members of First Christian Church

We want to thank you for the lovely dinner Sunday. I know it was a lot of work.

I am leaving next Tuesday for Phoenix as one of my daughters isn't well and she is home sick. Will be gone a couple of weeks.

May God bless all of you.
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Smelser

BAZAAR BLASTS!

Some said we couldn't do it--others said we could--others said we would. And we D I D ! ! !

Weeks and months of planning, hard work, and anticipation resulted in an all-church bazaar which was so successful because of each and every one of you who contributed in some way.

We send our thanks to all committee chairpersons, committee members, and others among us who contributed materials, time and talents.

During our Saturday auction, Marvin Crouse, auctioneer, "sold" our quilt to Merle Grimm for $300.00! As of Sunday evening our profits for the bazaar were $3,233.46!!!

Because of all of us working together, sharing together, hoping together and staying together we became rich in fellowship and filled with the joys from this sense of belonging.

Karen Flickinger
Andy Benny

1.	Needle Shop	$286.75	10. Thumb Print	$ 17.00
2.	My Mother's Cupboard	195.30	11. Kissing Booth	32.69
3.	Creative Hands	253.05	12. Grab Bag	59.00
4.	Green Thumb	161.63	13. Fish Pond	26.40
5.	Christmas Spirit	423.75	14. Auction	700.00
6.	Sweet Tooth	278.40	15. Miscellaneous	195.06
7.	Attic Treasures	249.90	16. Dinner 11/18	410.51
8.	Movies	8.25	17. Lunch 11/19	149.75
9.	Babysitting	2.50		
				3,449.94
	Expenses:		Meal Expenses	- 216.48
	Dinner of 11/18	- 130.44		3,233.46
	Lunch of 11/19	-86.04		
		-216.48		

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH OFFERING

$670.29 has been received to date for our special over-and-above Thanksgiving offering for Christian Church Outreach.

Our giving this past spring helped some African women move beyond traditional roles. At a consultation on "Women and the Media", young women were challenged to enroll in schools of journalism, to attend writer's institutes, and to learn how to use the printed word in the language of their own part of Africa. Some will write Church School curriculum materials, others will work on magazines, radio and TV for church communication. They will strengthen nurturing ministries.

Help us to go over $750.00 in Thanksgiving Offering this Sunday!

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25
10:00 A.M. Bell Choir
1:00 P.M. Stewardship Committee
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26
6:00 P.M. CYF Party
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
3:00 P.M. Drama Rehearsal
4:00 P.M. Chi Rho
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. Drumbeat of Love
5:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28
7:00 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
12:30 P.M. DMA at Atz's
7:30 P.M. Fireside, Harters
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
7:30 P.M. Drama Rehearsal
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
1:15 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

D.M.A. EATING OUT PARTY

Note the change in plans -- We will be at Atz's at Tillman and Calhoun at 12:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 29. Program - Election of new steering committee - last meeting of 1977. Call the church office so we may count on YOU!

CWF CHRISTMAS COFFEE - DECEMBER 3

The Christian Women's Fellowship (for all women in the church) is having a Christmas Coffee and Program SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 at 10:00 A.M. in the Parlor. This would be a wonderful way to start your Christmas Celebration! Barbara Short and Sharon Pauley will lead the Christmas Program and Worship.

PAPER DRIVE POSTPONED ONE WEEK!

The Chi Rho sponsored PAPER DRIVE will be held Saturday, December 10 instead of the 3rd. Continue to bring your papers to the church. Any person needing their papers picked up should call Bruce Lehman, 625-4570, Bob & Sharon Pauley, 745-0925, or the Church Office.

The CHI RHO will meet at 4:00 P.M. this Sunday, November 27. We are meeting at this time to take advantage of natural light for our movie making. We will be finished at 6:00 P.M.

CYF PARTY!

CYF is having a party Saturday, November 26. Swimming will be from 6 to 7 P.M. at the SE Branch of the YMCA. Please bring $1.00. Then food and entertainment will be across the street at the Ralph Church's (sponsors), 5126 Werling Dr., until 10:30 P.M. If you cannot make it for the swim don't hesitate to come for the rest of the evening.

FIVE WEEKS TO GO!

We need to dig in and be as generous as possible--Help us go over our needed $115,792 by Dec. 31st.

Giving for 11/20/77	$1,936.31
Average to date	2,151.54
Average needed	2,227.00
Giving to date	101,122.26
Needed Yet	14,669.74
GOAL FOR 1977	115,792.00

May the Christmas spirit flow through our church giving!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

TURDAY, DECEMBER 3
:00 A.M. CWF Christmas Coffee
NDAY, DECEMBER 4
15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
30 A.M. Church School
00 P.M. Drama Rehearsal
30 P.M. Bell Choir
30 P.M. Drumbeat of Love
15 P.M. Chi Rho
00 P.M. HANGING OF THE GREENS
NDAY, DECEMBER 5
30 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
30 P.M. Brummel Group, Beth Schwartz, 3805 S. Harrison
ESDAY, DECEMBER 6
00 A.M. Kepple Group, Ruby Johns, 1635 Spring Street
30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DNESDAY, DECEMBER 7
:30 A.M. Spice Group, Rychie Smell, 4126 Roxton Lane
30 P.M. Higdon Group Party
30 P.M. Evangelism Calling
30 P.M. Drama Rehearsal
00 P.M. FCC vs. Salem UCC
URSDAY, DECEMBER 8
30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor
15 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
30 P.M. Chancel Choir
30 P.M. Commitment Meeting of Elders, Staff, Officer & Mates

ADVENT ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS COFFEE - *For all women of the church - this Saturday the 3rd at 10:00 A.M. - Child Care - No reservations - JUST COME!*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - *Worship at 8:15 or 10:45 A.M. Sermon: "THE SPIRIT OF GOD BREAKS THROUGH" - Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12.*

HANGING OF THE GREENS - *All invited for this activity party this Sunday from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. - Brief Worship and refreshments.*

CHRISTMAS GIVING - *Read elsewhere of the CHRISTMAS CARD TREE and SOCK and MITTEN TREE. We will aslo receive on the 18th our special Christman Outreach Offering. All month we will give generously to achieve our budget goal!*

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - *Plan now and sign up Sunday to go on one of the buses to carol from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. on Sunday, December 18th. This is a whole church family activity.*

SERVING DECEMBER 4

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and Fred Smell

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Margaret Love

DIACONATE

8:15 A.M. B. Lehman, C. Hetrick, S. Rayl, S. Thompson

10:45 A.M. B. Hendricks, C. Cline, S. Schell, H. Stevenson, K. Taylor, D. Short, E. Conrad, R. Krull

USHERS

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Edna Nordblom and Eunice Conrad

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mary Lou Hartzler & Peg Buskirk

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. K. Lee

10:45 A.M. B. Schwartz, C. Falbe, D. Wortley

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 761 Mr. Les Futterer

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Gary and Sandy Becker, a son, Jason Alexander, on 11/27/77 in Omaha, Neb. Maternal grandparents are Dean & Elsie Widler.

To Richard & Mary Shenfeld, twin boys Joshua Richard & Andrew William. Maternal grandmother is Fern Strole.

PANTRY NEEDS: 3 QT. POWDERED MILK, NOODLES, P-NUT BUTTER, CEREAL, OATS, CRACKERS

THANK YOU NOTES:

Thanks for all the visits, cards, and communion since I have entered the Lutheran Home.

Lillian Scott

We enjoyed our visit at the All Member Dinner last Sunday (13th). It was a real treat for Bob and we wish to thank Earl and Reba for their help in getting Bob there and to the many outstretched hands that helped.

In Christian love,

Bob & Esther Clipp

Thanks for sharing with us your celebration of November 13. Kenneth enjoyed every minute he was there.

There are many wonderful people in First Christian. It takes a lot of work and planning, too, to carry out such an extensive celebration.

Thanks to the men who provided transportation for us, namely, Ben Taylor and William Love.

May the good Lord bless you and the church and grant you many years of success in kingdom-building.

Sincerely,

Kenneth & Beulah Timmons

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Zaola E. Pattengale on 11/26/77 Sympathy is extended to son, Al, and family. She had been a member of the extinct South View Christian Church in Warsaw where the funeral was.

175 ITEMS WERE CONTRIBUTED IN OUR "HORN OF PLENTY" FOR THE PANTRY! THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SHARED IN THIS SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR GIVING.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

The Advent season has begun. It is the desire of our worship committee to decorate our church building in a most festive way as a part of our preparation for the birthday of the Christ Child. EVERYONE IS INVITED to help in this decorating project. Come to the HANGING OF THE GREENS Sunday, December 4, from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Pauline Horn is chairwoman of the subcommittee planning and implementing this Hanging of the Greens. Those from her committee who will be assiting include: Mary Lou Hartzler, in charge of decorating Fellowship Hall; Janet Weicker, in charge of decorating the Chapel and Church Parlor; Linda Wiley, in charge of decorating our halls and window sills; Sara Davis and Pauline Horn in charge of decorating the sanctuary; and Miriam Bixenman, assisted by Elinor Place, Fern Strole, Ruby Pomeroy, LaVerne Hunt, and Nancy Wortley, in charge of repairing the Chrismons for placing on the trees in the sanctuary.

Dr. Cline and Sara Davis will be in charge of a brief worship service following the decorating, with cookies and coffee served in Fellowship Hall at the close of the evening. Child Care will be available for preschool age children. Older children are asked to work with their parents in helping in the decorating. The CYF will be decorating the third floor and trimming a tree there. Any of the classes which meet on the third floor are invited to contribute ornaments for the tree or decorations for the Youth Lounge.

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

Our World Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Christmas Card Tree, which will be placed in our Narthex during the Hanging of the Greens next Sunday evening. The idea of this tree is that our people send ONE Christmas card to the Church for all their friends in the Church family. This card will be placed on the tree and the senders name listed in THE TIDINGS. Each card should include a gift of money saved from the cost of cards and postage, since we will not be sending individual cards to our church friends.

The money so received will be equally divided between the Emily Flinn Home in Marion and the Children's Home in Cleveland in an over-and-above gift.

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE

The Christian Education Department is sponsoring a Sock and Mitten Tree which will be placed in Fellowship Hall. The idea is that children and others) bring socks and mittens and place them on the tree (by December 18).

These will be taken to a local charity (Miss Virginia Schranz) for distribution in Fort Wayne. In past years, caps have also been placed on the tree.

CWF CHRISTMAS COFFEE

The Christian Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a new event this Advent Season for all women of the church. It will be a CHRISTMAS COFFEE, Saturday morning, December 3, beginning at 10:00 A.M. We will be including much fellowship, a Christmas program and a special closing Christmas worship. Program leader is Barbara Short. Worship leader is Sharon Pauley. The music will be led by Sara Davis. Hostesses for the event are the Nelson and Higdon Groups. There will be Child Care provided. Please note: This is a Christmas event for all women of the church whether you are or have been active in CWF.

NOVEMBER AVERAGES

Church Worship	350
Church School	130
Through-the-Week Ed.	45
Program Support	$2,156.99
Building Fund	350.36

NEW MEMBERS DURING NOVEMBER:

Wade Smith, Tim & Sharon Knuckles, Mike & Pat Mullen, Charline Craig

OOPS - WE SLIPPED SUNDAY!

Amid the snow both attendance and giving took a dip Sunday. Let's be present and bring or mail our giving Sunday. We are in the final month of 1977 giving! Let's exceed our basic $115,792 needed!

Giving for 11/27	$1,320.55
Average to date	2,140.02
Average needed	2,227.00
Giving to date	102,721.09
Needed Yet	13,070.91
GOAL FOR 1977	115,792.00

RESERVE THE TIME NOW

All elders, church officers, staff members and mates - 7:30 P.M., Thursday, December 8.

All deacons, deaconesses and Board of Trustee members not included on Thursday and mates - 8:00 P.M., Friday, December 9.

Any of the above who cannot attend the time announded should plan for 6:00 P.M., Sunday, December 11.

We want our leadership at one of these three special meetings in Room 120!

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

We rejoiced when 29 of the 34 regular members were present at the November meeting! Let's move up to 100% this next Tuesday, the 6th at 7:30 P.M. The 1978 Budget asking will receive much attention plus action on a Flinn Home application, a resignation, and a request of all committees.

This is a vital meeting for Board Members!

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL

We have a team playing each Wednesday evening at West Creighton Christian Church. Contact Mel Busse if you are interested in playing. This includes older youth and men. Coming games include: 11/7-FCC vs. Salem UCC at 8:00 P.M. and 11/14 - FCC vs. 1st Assembly of God at 8:00.

THANKS - REAL GIVING!

We received $779.29 in the special Thanksgiving offering - Thanks for going over our goal of $750.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE - DECEMBER 11!

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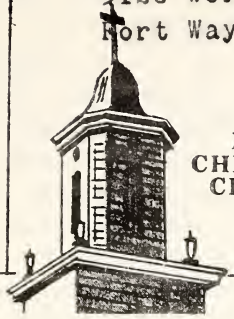

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
3:00 P.M. Drama/Chorus Rehearsal
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. Drumbeat of Love
5:30 P.M. Youth Fellowships
6:00 P.M. Catch-up Commitment for Elders, Diaconate, Board
7:00 P.M. Christmas Carol Fest

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12
6:00 P.M. Guild Dinner, Richard's Resturant
6:30 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Beth Schwartz, 3805 S. Harrison
7:30 P.M. Commitment Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13
12:00 Noon Nelson Group, Connie Wells, 735 Poplar
7:30 P.M. Evangelism
7:30 P.M. Commitment Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14
2:00 P.M. Commitment Meeting
7:30 P.M. Drama/Chorus Rehearsal
7:30 P.M. Commitment Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15
1:15 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
7:30 P.M. Commitment Meeting
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16
7:30 P.M. Commitment Meeting

SHARE ADVENT WORSHIP

MORNING WORSHIP - 8:15 & 10:45

SERMON: "A NEW BLOSSOMING EXPERIENCE" Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

THANKSGIVING FOR CHILDBIRTH AND DEDICATION OF PARENTS AT 10:45 A.M.

MUSIC: Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Youth Bell Choir, & Charlie Newman singing, "O Holy Night"

CHRISTMAS CAROL SONG FEST

7:00 to 8:00 P.M. - A night of singing carols - hearing carol stories - Join in this night of glorious holiday singing in Nave!

CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.

We have classes for relationship and growth which welcome every age and status level.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

Consider at least 1¢ per year of $19.77 per family for the special Christmas offering for others! Every gift in the special Christmas offering envelope goes for Christian Church Outreach.

Help us reach our needed goal of $115,792 in Program Support. Make a generous special Christmas gift!

SERVING DECEMBER 11

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and Rolland Ripple

10:45 A.M. Janet Weicker and Glenn Miller

DIACONATE

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, B. Pauley, D. Allen, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. G. Falbe, C. Schwartz, W. Bowen, D. Wortley, D. Short, R. Baugher, R. Jenkins

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW, B. Pauley--SW

10:45 A.M. G. Falbe-NE, C. Schwartz-NW, W. Bowen-SE, D. Wortley-SW

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

William Love - Paul Yentes

Ross Harter - Bruce Lehman

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Edna Nordblom & Eunice Conrad

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ennis & Virginia Brown

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. P. Akers

10:45 A.M. B. Busse, K. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 744 Mr. Laurence Coleman
234 Mrs. Helen Williams
616 Mrs. Deann Halbrook
LUTHERAN: M-223 Mr. Gary Hall

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

John Richard Scott and Deborah Jean Nine on 12/3/77. They are residing at P.O. Box 228, Elwood, IN. 46036.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MR. and MRS. JAMES JUMP, 3923 Thornbury, 04, 432-7180, identified with us in a transfer of membership from the Hazelwood Christian Church in Muncie. Jim served as a deacon there. He is Sales Manager for the new TV Channel 55, WFFT and is a radio graduate from Ball State. Leesa has an Associates Degree in secretarial work from Ball State and is now in the home with twin daughters, Kristi and Kelli who will be 3 on December 30.

We rejoice in these decisions and are expecting others in this Advent-Christmas season!

CHURCH FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Hugh D. Rice on 12/8/77. Hugh was a member here for 32 years and served as Board Chairman, Elder, Class President and many other church and community responsibilities. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Gwynth and family.

CHRISTMAS GIVING CAN MAKE IT!

Giving for 12/4	$3,045.58
Average to date	2,158.50
Average needed	2,227.00
Giving to date	105,025.33
Needed yet - 3 wks	10,025.33
GOAL for 1977	115,792.00

We need any behind to catch up! All current in giving might consider an extra $10, $50, $100, or $500. Every member and friend can try and give We can make it!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The following have made special gifts in lieu of postage and cards for our Benevolent Homes - Emily E. Flinn Home for aged in Marion, and Cleveland Christian Home for children. In so doing, they are sending one blanket card which is on our Narthex tree with warm season greetings to all of our members and friends.

Henry & Ethel Flowers *Geneva Ferguson* *Mildred & Carl Linn*
Jim & Becky Stucky *Irene Current*

All are invited to share in the Christmas Card Tree by signing a card and enclosing in it a special Christmas gift. Its purpose is to expand one card to include all of our constituency in a season's greeting.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS DINNER

The annual Christmas Dinner will be held at 6:30 P.M. this Saturday the 10th, in Fellowship Hall. Meat will be furnished. Bring one covered dish and table service. Bring items for the $1.50 gift exchange for each man or woman.

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE

Join in loading the tree in Fellowship Hall with mittens, socks, caps. This is a tree for sharing our Christmas joy!

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

This Saturday, December 10, Bring papers to Church building by 9:00 A.M. All Chi Rho youth are due by 9:00 A.M. Call the church office NOW if you need pick up of papers.

ALL-CHURCH CAROLING PARTY
DECEMBER 18, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

THANK YOU TO
FIRST CHRISTIAN FRIENDS

Thanks to every one for the cards, prayers, and visits during my stay in the hospital. Special thanks to Dr. Cline and Miriam Bixenman for their visits and support. I'll treasure the warmth of all the prayers and good wishes forever.

Claire Schryver

CONCERN IS EXPRESSED

To Stephan and Joan Ott in the loss of premature twins this past week!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Thanks to the many hands who helped in our Christmas decorations and special worship as we hung our Chrismons and lit our Light of the World Display. Thanks for the planning and leadership given by Pauline Horn and her committee and those they enlisted.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT MEETINGS

The Stewardship Committee is wanting to talk with all of our church families face-to-face concerning the 1978 Asking Budget and the issue of our Christian faith expressed in the stewardship of our resources. Each youth and adult member is asked to make sure that at least one of the sessions is attended in Room 120!

We are suggesting particular nights for groups according to Zip Codes. If the suggested night is impossible come at some other night or at the catch-up session on Sunday. Any who do not get out at night are asked to choose the afternoon session or the Sunday time. The concern is that each member and friend face and respond through honest dialogue and discussion in terms of the realities of 1978 and our Christian commitment.

PICK YOUR TIME AND COME TO ROOM 120!

7:30 P.M., Thursday, December 8 - Congregational Officers and Board of Elders and Mates
8:00 P.M., Friday, December 9 - Board of Trustees not involved on Thursday and Board of Diaconate and Mates
6:00 P.M., Sunday, December 11 - Catch-up Session for Boards of Trustees, Elders, and Diaconate
7:30 P.M., Monday, December 12 - Members and Friends in Zip Codes of 46802, 46803, 46804, 46808, 46818.
7:30 P.M., Tuesday, December 13 - Members and Friends in Zip Codes of 46805, 46815, 46825
2:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 14 - Persons who normally do not come out at night - all daytimers urged to come!
7:30 P.M., Wednesday, December 14 - Members and Friends in Zip Codes of 46806, and 46816
7:30 P.M., Thursday, December 15 - Members and Friends in Zip Codes of 46807 and all 467----
7:30 P.M., Friday, December 16 - Members and Friends in Zip Codes of 46809 and 46819.
9:30 A.M., Sunday, December 18 - Catch-Up Session for all Members and Friends who have not participated previously.

EVERY READER OF THE TIDINGS IS INVITED AND URGED TO ATTEND ONE

OF THESE COMMITMENT MEETINGS!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16
7:30 P.M. Commitment Meeting
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
6:00 P.M. Staff Dinner, Clines
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Catch-Up Commitment
3:00 P.M. Rehearsal
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Christmas Caroling
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20
1:00 P.M. DMA Steering Committee
7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral Rel. Committee
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22
7:00 P.M. Dress Rehearsal "THE BIRTHDAY PARTY"
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
7:00 P.M. Family Christmas Eve Worship
11:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Worship - "THE BIRTHDAY PARTY"

PANTRY NEEDS: CRACKERS, CANNED FRUIT P-NUT BUTTER, POWDERED MILK, JELLO

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

MORNING WORSHIPS - 8:15 & 10:45 A.M.

Sermon - "Emergence of a COURAGE TO BE" - Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas Music - "The Coventry Carol" by Chancel Choir accompanied on flutes by Anne & Kathy Lee. The Choir is also singing, "Jesus Is Born, Alleluis" and "Sing Noel". The CYF Bell Choir is playing both hours. Joe & Linda Wiley are playing a piano duet at 10:45 A.M. The CYF Singers will also participate at 8:15.

Christmas Giving

--Program Support or Budget Giving catch up regular and make an extra gift.

--Special Christmas Offering - Our total church school offering goes for Outreach plus that received in special Christmas envelopes or marked with regular giving.

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ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLING

All ages are urged to share from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. as we go caroling out in the community on two chartered buses. Enjoy yourself as joy and life is brought to others. Refreshments back in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 P.M.
COME -- WE NEED MORE PARTICIPANTS TO FILL THE BUSES!

SERVING DECEMBER 18

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. William Love and Robert Hendricks

DIACONATE

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman, C. Church, E. Place, K. Place

10:45 A.M. B. Love, M. Akers, M. Byers, S. Allen, R. Orr, M. Finkhousen, M. Crouse, E. Nordblom

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman-NW, C. Church-SW

10:45 A.M. B. Love-NW, M. Akers-NE, M. Byers-SW, S. Allen-SE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz & Diana Wortley

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. A. Newman, C. Busse, B. Finkhousen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 684 Mr. Gerhard Brouer
329 Mrs. Marie Stephey

PARKVIEW: 744 Mr. Laurence Coleman
445 Mrs. Elna Taylor

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Mr. Elmer L. Jordan, a member since 1944, on 12/13/77. He was 95. Sympathy is extended to his family. His daughter, Helen, is a member also.

THREE RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MR. and MRS. RON KIGER, 6501 Bennington Dr. 05, 749-0947 came in confession of faith and transfer. Ron made a first time commitment to Christ and Sue came in transfer from the Maple Avenue Methodist Church of Terre Haute. Ron is in sales for Picker X-Ray Equipment and Sue teaches 7th & 8th grade Home Ec at Woodside Middle School in SW Allen County

MRS. PHYLLIS ANN SCHIDLER, 2636 Stardale, Apt. 8, 16 447-4650, identified in a transfer of membership from First Christian Church, Ypsilanti, Michigan. She formerly had been a member of Central Christian of Washington, Indiana.

We invite others to make basic life commitments to Christ and the church each and every Sunday. We rejoice in our 22 decisions since July 1 which is only one less than the previous 12 months.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Viola Sievers in the death of her husband, Clyde, on Sunday morning. Funeral services were held in Columbia City on 12/14.

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Stephan Peter Alexander Maniulow and Carol Sue Hout on 12/10/77. They are residing at 801 Tennessee Ave, Apt. 109 05, 422-5286.

BECAUSE OF SNOW, THE CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE WAS POSTPONED FROM DECEMBER 10 TO DECEMBER 31.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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Dorothy Merriman
Dean & Elsie Widler
Harold E. Cline family
Jim, Leesa, Kristi & Kelli Jump
Fern & Paul Kenline
Peg Buskirk
Miriam Bixenman
Jerry, Sandy, Eric & Mark Zimmerman
Barbara, Don, & Ryan Short
Andy Cook
Jack & Sharon Starwalt
Reba & Earl Fusselman
Merle, Betty, Steve & Bruce Grimm
Kenneth & Beulah Timmons
Carole Overmyer
Gene & Anne Shirley
Harold, Ramona, Dawn & Kevin Ketner
Gini & Ennis Brown
Ron, Karen, John & Ronnie Flickinger
Mary Wagner
Bob & Cecile Chevalier
Art & Florence Huddleston
Pearl & Henry Schroeder
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. DeVinney
Gladys Hoop
Franklin & Rachel McGuire
Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward
Mike & Debby Brian
Blanche & Clarence Hetrick

All are invited to share in the Christmas Card Tree by signing a card and enclosing in it a special Christmas gift. Its purpose is to expand one card to include all of our constituency in a season's greeting.

WOW! A GREAT DAY IN SPITE OF!!

Sunday began with eleven degrees below zero temperature and an accumulation of 15 inches of snow on the ground. Yet our people responded! 312 in Worship Hours including our Children's Choir of 23; our Chancel Choir of 13; and our CYF Bell Choir of 7 and 2 infants for Thanksgiving and Dedication. Total giving of $4,252.24 including $2,929.31 for Budget; $737 for Building Fund; $261 for Memorial Funds and $192.24 for special Christmas. Beyond statistics, there was warmth, tears of joy, relationships, and meaning. Thanks for a great day in spite of "old man winter."

WANTED: EVERY MEMBER AND FRIEND OF FIRST CHRISTIAN

You are wanted to participate in one of our DIALOGUE COMMITMENT MEETINGS in the Conference Room, No. 120 this week. If you have not come yet, please join in one of these final three times:

7:30 P.M. - Thursday, December 15
7:30 P.M. - Friday, December 16
9:30 A.M. - Sunday, December 18

The purpose of these sessions in small face-to-face grouping is to give complete and clear information concerning church finances and especially our 1978 Proposed Budget, to answer questions and concerns, to give and receive witness on commitment reflected in giving, and to make our giving intentions for 1978.

Every youth and adult member and friend needs to face stewardship honestly, realistically, and faithfully in light of Christian commitment. Please join others in these sessions! These are being conducted by Andy Cook and members of our Stewardship Committee.

COMMITMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 12

6 of 9 possible of Board of Trustees* averaging $40.45 weekly
11 of 22 possible of Board of Elders - averaging $27.60 weekly
10 of 38 possible of Board of Diaconate - averaging $14.95 weekly
4 of 400 possible of Congregation at large - averaging $13.75 weekly

TO DATE: 31 Commitments totally $769.75 per week of needed $2,606.
*Note Elders & Deacons, Deaconesses on Board of Trustees are counted with Elders and Diaconate.

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STRAIN TO PUSH OVER:

We need every gift possible and generous special gifts to reach our goal of $115,792 in basic operational giving for 1977. We have far surpassed this kind of giving for any past year in our church history! Let's make victory complete!

Giving for 12/11	$2,929.31
Average to date	2,173.92
Average needed	2,227.00
Giving to date	108,695.98
Needed yet	7,096.02
GOAL FOR 1977	115,792.00

LET'S PUSH ON TO VICTORY!

FINAL CALL FOR SOCK AND MITTEN TREE!

Bring socks or mittens and place on Tree in Fellowship Hall by this Sunday evening the 18th for children in our own community needing them.

SAVE YOUR CANCELLED CHRISTMAS STAMPS

Our saved-stamp project can use cancelled Christmas stamps especially. Please leave some of the paper around the edge of the stamp. Place the stamps in the box in the window ledge on the way to Fellowship Hall.

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP - 7:00 P.M.

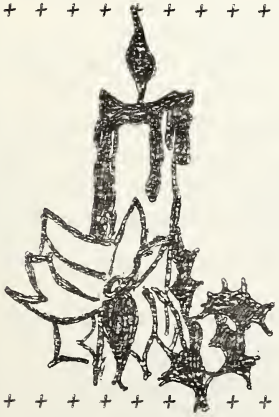
Special Singing by Pre-School children, the Children's Choir; Pantomining of "Conrad the Cobbler" - A 45 minute Christmas celebration.

CHRISTMAS EVE MUSICAL DRAMA - THE BIRTHDAY PARTY - 11:00 P.M.

A drama written by Mel Busse, Marlene Crouse, Nena Lucas, and Max Finkhousen and directed by Barbara Short with the Chorus directed by Mel Busse. Lead parts include: Charlie & Armella Newman, Sara Davis, Laura York, Steve Harter, and Monty Tobias. Ten others are in the drama plus many in the Chorus and others helping with lighting and staging.

CHRISTMAS DAY SUNDAY WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.

One single Celebration on Christmas Day for everyone. Sermon: GLORY TO GOD - Isaiah 9:2-7; Titua 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-10



"CHRISTMAS IS A LOVE STORY; IT'S WRITTEN IN OUR HEARTS." -- Michaels

SEASONS GREETINGS from your Church Staff!

Harold E. Cline, Miriam Bixenman, Barbara Short
Sara Davis, Jerry Zimmerman, Authur Mowery, Ramona Ketner, Marilyn Byers
Cory Church, Earl Fusselman, Susan Jones, Mel Busse, Peg Buskirk, Clint Crowe

SERVING DECEMBER 25

ELDERS

9:30 A.M. Ralph Church and George Bruckman

DIACONATE

9:30 A.M. D. Keebortz, R. Wortley, B. Hendricks, C. Cline, K. Taylor, A. Benny, R. Krull, G. Davis

USHERS

9:30 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, D. Smith

GREETERS

9:30 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW, R. Wortley-NE, B. Hendricks-SW, K. Taylor-SE

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Steve Harter - Russell Wortley

Robert Johnson - Homer Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz and Diana Wortley

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Ron Flickingers

NURSERY WORKERS

9:30 A.M. C. Akers, C. Cline

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 410 Mrs. Mildred Young
419 Mrs. Marie Stephey

PARKVIEW: 445 Mrs. Elna Taylor

FUNERAL OF MEMBER:

Laurence F. Coleman, a member since March 26, 1950 on 12/16/77. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Lois, and the five children and their families

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH OFFERING

$560.48 has been received to date toward our over and above outreach offering for Christmas. A gift of $19.77 to commerate the birth of Jesus is a possible figure for most every family.

We have also received $320.25 with our Christmas Card tree which will be divided between the Emily Flinn Home for aged in Marion and the Cleveland Christian Home for children.

THANK YOU NOTES:

The family of Elmer Jordan gratefully acknowledges your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you!

Dorothy & Bob Armstrong
Helen Jordan

Dear Friends:

We would like to thank everyone for all of the cards, letters, and words of encouragement during our recent loss.

It helps to know that there are so many who care. We will never forget your kindness.

Sincerely,
Joan & Steve Ott

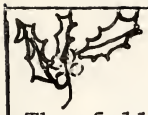
Dear Friends at First Christian:

We want to thank you for the many kindnesses shown us during Hugh's illness. These included cards, calls, prayers, food flowers, and many other acts of love.

We also want to thank Dr. Cline, Miriam, and Steve for their visits.

And to the many who contributed gifts of love to either the church or one of the cancer organizations in memory of Hugh, we express our appreciation. Also for the many lovely flowers, from the church and church friends.

The Hugh Rice Family



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The following have made special gifts in lieu of postage and cards for our Benevolent Homes--Emily E. Flinn in Marion, and Cleveland Christian Home in Cleveland. In so doing, they are sending one card which in on our Narthex tree with warm season greetings to all of our members and friends.

Charline Craig
Grace & Paul Truby
Irene Cline
Merle, Bea, Amy & Jon Rice
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Keller
Rick & Jane Hahn
Jennie Harter
The Ben Taylor family
Marvel & Vaughn Brickley
The Ralph Church Family
Mary Cook
Leland & Mary Higgins
Bob & Esther Clipp
Bob, Loretta, Melissa, & David Orr
Harold & Colyn Crowder
Ellen Crowder
Rick & Mary McQueen
Mr. & Mrs. Homer Stevenson
Maude Donahue
Roxy Wunderlich
The Wortleys--Russell, Nancy, Diana and John
Mrs. E.T. Metcalf
Bob & Bev Hendricks & family
Laverne & Randy Hunt
Jack, Doris, Tim & Laura Sauerwein
Margaret & Bert Leversee
Dorothy Schmidt
Dick & Barb Johnson
The Bruckman's
The Hugh Rice Family
Glenn & Lola Miller
Bernice Montgomery
George, Sara, Tammy, & Jimmy Davis
Ethel Allen
Pauline Horn
Katie & Bret Young
Ruth & Earl Plummer
Edna, Harold & Deb Nordblom
August Mueller
Mary Wilhelm
The Bill Schilling Family
Jack & Janet Weicker
Fern Strole
Ethel Birkhold
Edna Clark
Nita Wilson

There is still time to share in our Christmas Card Tree by signing a card and enclosing in it a special Christmas gift.

COMPLETE 1977 GIVING

Bring the final Sunday's giving on Christmas Day, December 25 or mail it so that it arrives no later than Friday morning the 30th at 10:00 A.M. Since Christmas falls on Sunday, all need to be sure to finish our giving for calendar year 1977 so that it is in the office no later than the 30th

$4,172.62 NEEDED IN BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT SUNDAY!

We must receive $4,172.62 in basic operational budget giving in order to achieve our Budgeted Goal of $115,792 during 1977. This means that we need every gift brought Sunday to be as generous as possible.

Any final giving for 1977 can be mailed so that it is received as soon as possible and no later than in the Friday the 30th morning mail for the final deposit of the year. Let's go over the top that we can celebrate a first--full giving for church operations in a year!

Our giving for 1977 has already achieved a tremendous victory--already we have increased $18,000 over 1976! We are already $12,000 above our previous high year of budget giving, namely, 1975! Yet, the potential is there for the full victory which means achieving our needed dollars for basic program and ministry and mission of $115,792! Will everyone pray and give to attain $4,172.62 no later than December 30th! WE CAN DO IT WITH THE HELP OF EACH AND EVERY ONE!

TOTAL GIVING OF 12/18/77	
Budget Income	$2,923.40
Christmas Offering	429.23
Christmas Card Tree	234.00
Building Fund	503.00
Memorial & Sp. Gifts	570.00
Transitory	69.24
Pantry	10.00
TOTAL INCOME	$4,738.87

PUSH ON TO VICTORY	
Giving for 12/18	$2,923.40
Average to date	2,188.62
Average needed	2,227.00
Giving to date	$111,619.38
Needed yet	4,172.62
Goal for 1977	$115,592.00

LET'S GO OVER THE TOP!

CYF HOLIDAY OUTING

The CYF is planning a 24 hour outing at Barbee Camp during Christmas vacation. Plans include meeting at the church and leaving at 1:30 P.M. Wednesday, December 28, returning Thursday, December 29 at 4:30 P.M. Anyone interested in attending please contact the church office or Dan Church, 447-5691. Those participating bring $2, for overnight lodging, sleeping bags, warm clothing, sleds, ice skates, etc. You will be contacted about what food items you can bring to fill out menus for three meals. The following people are planning to go: Scott Keebortz, Tim Sauerwein, Gary York, Steve Grimm, Julie Smith, Bruce Grimm, Dan Church, Cory Church, Kim Shipley, Carol Cline Diana Wortley and sponsors Ralph and Judy Church and Mel Busse.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

85 carolers Sunday evening sang for 14 of our members and friends place of residence plus one group singing in four locations of Hurley Hall at the State School. We regret that time ran out and all could not be covered! Thanks for all who sang!

PANTRY NEEDS: DIAPERS, CRACKERS, 3 QT POWDERED MILK, TOLIET SOAP

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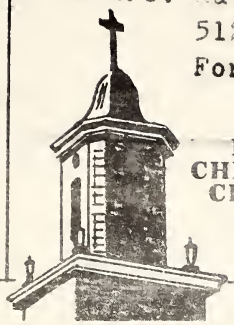

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

MAROLD E. CLINE, EDITOR

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Commitment Meeting
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
MONDAY, JANUARY 2
Church Office Closed
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3
9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Mary Cook, 323 W. Oakdale
7:30 P.M. Commitment Meeting
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4
9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Hortense Stevenson 5022 Gardenview
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. FCC vs. Salem UCC
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7
2:00 P.M. Commitment Meeting
3:00 P.M. Stewardship Committee

PANTRY NEEDS:
3 QT. POWDERED MILK, CRACKERS, P-NUT BUTTER, SOUP, JELLO, CANNED FRUIT

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CELEBRATE GOD!

We anticipate beginning 1978 with people coming to worship on New Year's Day. Express a centrality of God in life through worship and study this Sunday!

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

WE CAN DO IT TOGETHER!

We believe and pray that we will exceed $115,792 in basic Program Support or budget giving by 10:00 A.M. this Friday. Complete all church giving by that time so that it can be counted and deposited after the Friday mail comes. We will announce Sunday the final results of our dream we believe will come true --Achieve our Budget Goal for 1977- This will be a first!

1978 GIVING COMMITMENTS

Make known your commitments for the new year so budget can be planned! Attend one of the final meetings announced on Past 4. Bring or mail your 1978 giving intention!

SERVING JANUARY 1

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and Robert Rayl

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, C. Church-NW, C. Hetrick, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen-NE, E. Nordblom-NW, K. Taylor-SE, A. Benny-SW, R. Krull, G. Davis, E. Conrad, B. Hendricks

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. S. Thompson, C. Akers, C. Cline

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 623 Mrs. Gladys Harshbarger
ST. JOSEPH: 609 Mr. Harvey Smelser
PARKVIEW: 445 Mrs. Elna Taylor
504 Mrs. Freda Flaugh

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Ross E. Harter on 12/24/77. Ross was an active elder. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Betty, sons including Steve, our Chairman of Elders, and others of the family.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rayl, a son, Timothy Robert, on 12/19/77. Pateranl grandparents are Bob and Marilyn Rayl. Paternal great grandparents are Glenn & Lola Miller.

REPORT FROM SOCK AND MITTEN TREE

Our sharing within the community through Virginia Schranz totalled 98 pair of sox, 13 pair of gloves, 3 scarves, 2 hat and scarve sets, and 14 hats. There was a total of 130 new gifts.

PAPER DRIVE!

Our Chi Rho will have their paper drive this Saturday, December 31. Bring papers to the church at 9:00 A.M. or call for pickup by Friday evening at 5:00.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Rachel McGuire, our former pastor's wife, whose father, Homer Gamboe, died earlier this month. Our Gamboe Group was named for Mr. and Mrs. Gamboe who had served as missionaries in India.

THANK YOU NOTE:

The family of Larry Coleman gratefully acknowledges your kind expression of sympathy.

WE WERE THERE

Our monthly $125 for Week of Compassion allows us to respond to disasters in the name of Christ. Recently we received this card from Marilynne Hill, Administrative Director of Week of Compassion:

"India's cyclone, tidal waves worst disaster in a century! Accurate information slow coming. First reports 6,000 dead, 75,000 homeless, suceeding reports total higher. Church World Service responded immediately! Because you gave through Week of Compassion, CWS able to respond on your behalf."

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WINTER OF 1978

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

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We believe that the Christian life is a pilgrimmage of growth into our Lord Jesus Christ. We desire to offer opportunities for personal enrichment and growth. We desire to equip ourselves to better minister and serve others. We desire to know God and to love Him and one another in more wholesome ways.

There is a minimum number for each course which must be met by January 8 or two weeks prior to any special event. This is the beginning of a regular series of educational growth opportunities for the semester. Costs are listed for materials. Classes will not be offered if minimum registrants are not received. Some will be limited to a certain number. Child Care will be provided when it is needed.

WEEKLY STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

DRUMBEAT OF LOVE - A RELATIONAL BIBLE STUDY OF ACTS

RESOURCES: Reading Book - DRUMBEAT OF LOVE, The Unlimited Power of the Spirit as revealed in the Book of Acts, by Lloyd Ogilvie, a Pupil's Response Guide by Ogilvie; and Cassette Tapes with resources for 14 sessions by Ogilvie and Bruce Larson.

COST: $10 for Text and Response Manual.

SECTIONS:

I - Led by Dean & Elsie Widler on Sunday evenings, January 8 through April 9 from 5:15 to 6:45 P.M.

II - Led by Miriam Bixenman on Tuesday mornings, January 10 through April 11 from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M.

DESCRIPTION: To enable people to kindle within themselves a new fire for renewing the bold witness to Christ's love. To help each participant to become ignited and keep burning through learning to listen for the drumbeat of God's Spirit and respond.

LIVE ALL YOUR LIFE

RESOURCES: Reading Book, LIVE ALL YOUR LIFE by Ruel Howe and Valetta Walters, response manual and tapes for 12 sessions.

COST: $7.50 per person or $10.00 per couple.

TIME: 5:15 to 6:45 P.M. on Sunday evenings, January 8 through March 26 led by Miriam Bixenman.

DESCRIPTION: To help adults discover what they like and don't like about the way they are living--what kind of choices they have been making for themselves and what kind they would like to make, and what behavior changes would bring more satisfaction to themselves and others.

YOGA POSTURES AND CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

RESOURCES: Reading Book, OPENING TO GOD by Carolyn Stahl which has guided imagery meditation on Scripture and other loan books for reading.

COST: $5 per person

TIME: 5:15 to 6:45 P.M. on Sunday evening, January 8 through March 12 led by Ruby Cline.

DESCRIPTION: Different Yoga postures practiced to improve the body (Done to individual's own pace). The art of Christian meditation will be experienced each week. (Wear loose fitting clothes and bring a mat or blanket.)

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

RESOURCES: THE DAILY STUDY BIBLE by William Barclay—both Volumes of the Gospel of John will be used and read furing the course.

COST: $10 per person or per couple.

SECTIONS: I - Sunday evenings from 5:15 to 6:45 P.M. led by Dr. Cline from January 8 through March 12.

II - Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. led by Dr. Cline from January 8 through March 12.

III - Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. led by Dr. Cline January 10 through March 14.

DESCRIPTION: An in-depth study of the Gospel of John which is a reflective Gospel telling of how Jesus had been remembered and experienced through a longer period of time.

THE LETTER OF FIRST JOHN

RESOURCE: THE DAILY STUDY BIBLE by William Barclay for The Letters of John and Jude.

COST: $5 per person or couple

SECTIONS: I - Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. led by Dr. Cline from April 10 through Mary 15.

II - Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. led by Dr. Cline from April 11 through May 16.

DESCRIPTION: An in-depth study of the First Letter of John to gain its perspective of faith and love.

WORLD HUNGER: EDUCATION AND ACTION TOGETHER

RESOURCE: NEW HOPE FOR THE HUNGRY by Larry Minear.
COST: $4 per person or $5 per couple.
TIME: 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. on Wednesday evenings led by Miriam Bixenman from January 18 through March 15.
DESCRIPTION: A study and action group designed to help persons as Christians take seriously the massive problem of hunger in our world and to find ways to help alleviate this problem, especially, in our own community. The text plus audio visual materials will be used for six weeks of study and the final three sessions will be for planning and implementation.

FINDING CHRIST

TIME: 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. on Sunday mornings during Chruch School in Room 132 led by pastor from April 2 through May 14.
DESCRIPTION: To come to a new experience of Christ within life through the study of TO FIND NEW LIFE and its appropriation of the Gospel in experience.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

TIME: 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. on Sunday mornings in Room 132 led by pastor from January 15 through March 12.
DESCRIPTION: A Study of basic elements of Christian discipline and involvement in the life of the Church. Basics about the Bible, Christ, Church History, being a Christian, becoming a Christian, worship and Communion, and Christian life will be discussed.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

TIME AND GROUP: Youth of grades 6 through 9 or any pondering commitment to Christ on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00 from Jan. 14-March 18.

LEARNING TO KNOW JESUS AND THE BIBLE FOR CHILDREN

RESOURCE: YOUNG READERS BOOK OF BIBLE STORIES by Helen Doss.
COST: $8 for this basic book unless it was purchased in previoud series.
TIME: 11:00 to 12:00 A.M. on Saturdays from Jan. 14-March 18 led by Dr. Cline, Karen Flickinger, and Miriam Bixenman.
DESCRIPTION: A serioud learning experience for children of Grades 3-6 to learn to know Jesus in the Bible. Children are expected to do outside class reading, assignments, and keep folder.

REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

WINTER of 1978

First Christian Church — Fort Wayne, Indiana

Detach this form and mail or bring to church office, hand to pastors, or place in offering plate. Sign up for class offerings as soon as possible. Some are limited in number and are on a first-come, first-serve basis. It is preferable to pay along with registration but may be paid at first session. Please check all of your intentions at time of submitting this form. Indicate need for child care.

WEEKLY STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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_____ THE LETTER OF FIRST JOHN, TUESDAYS, 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. (begins April 11)

_____ WORLD HUNGER: EDUCATION AND ACTION TOGETHER, Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.

_____ LEARNING TO KNOW JESUS AND THE BIBLE FOR CHILDREN, Saturday, 11:00 to 12:00 A.M.

_____ FINDING CHRIST, SUNDAYS, 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. (April 2-May 14)
_____ ADULT DISCIPLESHIP, SUNDAYS, 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. (Jan. 15-March 12)
_____ YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP, SATURDAYS, 9:30-11:00 A.M. (Jan. 14-March 18)

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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME_____ PHONE_____

ADDRESS_____ MONEY WITH FORM_____

Need Child Care_____

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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Mr. & Mrs. Morris Swift
Alfred & Elizabeth Pattengale
Judi, Don, Lori, Dave, & Rachel Passwater
Arthur & Ruby Mowery
Mary Lou Hartzler
Jack, Pam & Danny Bickel
Ed, Rosalie, & Gary Hall
Sam, Barb, Amy & Adam Hayes
Charlie, Armella, Adam & Barry Newman
Vada Tatman
Ron, Jeanne, Robby & Laura Gerow
Lilly Whitbey
Susan and Shannon Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Smelser
The Akers: Ron, Judy, Scott and Laura
Mark, Rosemary, Eric and Jason Krull
Bill & Joan Franklin
Bill, Andy, Janice, Jennifer, & Jill Benny
Margaret & Bill Love
Carl & Beth Schwartz
Joyce, Clint, & Andrew Crowe
Bill and Anna Taylor

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF BOARD ON DECEMBER 6, 1977

Pearl Heidecker was recommended for residence in the Emily Flinn Home in Marion. Susan Knuckles' resignation as a deaconess because of moving to greater Chicago was accepted with regret.

After presentation by the Stewardship Committee the 1978 Asking Budget was approved pending the response of the Congregational Commitment meetings. The Board made two changes from that presented by the committee.

All committees and persons desiring items on the church furnighings priority list were asked to submit all suggestions in writing to the Property Committee, George Bruckman, chairman, by February 1.

The treasurer's report showed a deficit of $1,304.69 at the beginning of December which highlighted the need for strong giving. An annual insurance bill of $2,200 had just been paid at the end of November.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees has been set back at Tuesday January 10

FINAL CATCH-UP OF DIALOGUE COMMITMENT MEETINGS

9:30 A.M., SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 in Room 120
7:30 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 in Room 120
2:00 P.M., SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 in Room 120

PLAN AND COMMIT FOR 1978 CHURCH GIVING

We stand with less than half of our usual number of commitments -- We are anxious to receive commitments from all by 3:00 P.M. Saturday, January 7th towards our Asking Budget of $138,094. WHERE WE ARE:

9 of 11 commitments from Board of Trustees averaging $32.47 weekly.
14 of 22 commitments from Board of Elders averaging $23.60 weekly.
23 of 38 commitments from Board of Diaconate averaging $12.21 weekly.
43 of 300 commitments from Congregation averaging $9.36 weekly.

We have a total of 89 commitments totaling $70,185.50 or $1,324.25 weekly or 50.8% of our goal! In the first 46 commitments there was an average gain of 33% over last year; of the first 82 commitments there is an average gain of 27% over last year.

THIS IS WHERE WE ARE, BUT WE NEED TO HEAR FROM AT LEAST 100 to 200 MORE OF OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!

Please make your commitment by mailing it in if you have attended a meeting of have received it by mail. COME to a Dialogue Commitment meeting if you have not done so to date. You need the information and the church needs YOU! Calendar one of these three dates:

Sunday Morning, January 1, at 9:30 A.M. in Room 120.
Tuesday Evening, January 3, at 7:30 P.M. in Room 120.
Saturday Afternoon, January 7, at 2:00 P.M. in Room 120.

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MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
JANUARY 1 - 7

During 1978 we will list every member of First Christian Church to be lifted up during a particular week. Some might want to pray daily or once a week for each of these during personal prayer time. Some might pray for these by name during moments of preparation during the prelude of Sunday worship. Some might choose other times of situations to use these names for Intercessory Prayer. Each will be prayed for once a week during both our Sunday evening Celebration Worship and our daily staff prayer time. (Names in next column)

Alpha Piercy
Dwain Graham
Mildred Young
Vincent Wells
Blanche Tucker
James Taylor
Ina Smith
Susan Schaffer
Lillian Scott
David Rinker
Mark Rayl
Inez Petty
Robert Ogles
Harley Morphew
Marge Lehman
Carole Lee

THANKS, THANKS FOR LEADING!

Thanks to our Drama group for the excellent worship at 11:00 on Christmas Eve! Thanks to our choirs and musicians for the rich special Advent and Christmas musi[c] Thanks to the many who decorated the church and made it a place of beauty!